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Journal of the American Marathi mission – meeting held at Pánchgani – May 8th to 19th 1879.

The mission met at the house of Br. Wells – present Brn Bissell, Harding, Bruce, Wells, Park, Winsor, R. A. Hume & Gates. Brn Fairbank & Ballantine were absent, being employed by Govt on Famine duty in the Sholapur districts, & Br. E. S. Hume was absent at the Pulney Hills.

In the absence of Bro. Fairbank it devolved upon Br. Gates to act as chairman, & the meeting was opened by reading the scriptures & prayer by the chairman. The minutes of the last Ant. meeting, & of the special meeting in January last were read. It was voted,

That the daily journal of our meetings be preserved in a permanent form by the Secretary.

The mission than listened to the reports of the Brethren respecting the work in their respective districts since our Oct. meeting. All reported but Bro. Gates when it was time to take recess. The Business Committee (Brn Wells & Harding.) reported recommending that we meet at 9½ A.M. & take recess at 12½ P.M. — & in the afternoon that we meet from 3 o'c. till 5 o'c. —

That the Mar. sermon be preached by Br. R. A. Hume at 10 A.M. Sabbath, the 11th inst. & the Eng. sermon by Br. Park at 5 P.M. of the same day — approved —

Took recess at 1 P.M. till 3 o'c.

Came together after recess. & listened to Br. Gates' report of the work in his district. Letters from the Rooms in Boston were then read & commented upon, & also correspondence which had passed between the Secretary & Rev. T. Williams S. P. G.

adjourned at 5 P.M. with prayer.

May 9th Met at 9½ A. M. – Besides those present yesterday Dr. Ogden was with us – After the half hour of devotional exercises & reading the journal of yesterday, letters were read from Dr. Fairbank – The translation of notes of the conference between the Bishop of Bombay & S. P. G. missionaries & our own missionaries at Ahmednagar having been forwarded to the mission Brn Bissell, Park, & R. A. Hume were appointed a committee to report to the mission a heading for the paper & get it printed.

It was voted that we take up the subject of allowances as presented in Dr. Clark's letter of March 12th – after discussion ~~the was fol~~ following Resolution was passed. –

That referring to Dr. Clark's letter of Mar. 12th we ask the Prud. Com. to grant our allowances for the current year in pounds sterling – (Rs 10 = £1.) – Memo. This is asked on account of the depreciated value of the rupee, the high prices ruling, & the pecuniary embarrassment of some members of the mission.

The following Resn was then discussed. – That in our estimates for next year we ask that the Personal allowance of a married missionary in Bombay be Rs 200. per month.

Took recess at 30m P. M. –

Met at 3 P. M. – after further discussion the above Resn was amended so as to read Rs 190. per mo. & passed. More discussion followed on the subject of increased allowances ~~to~~ missionaries, but no action was taken. It was Resd that a grant of one month's pay be made to our native helpers in the Deccan Districts whose allowance does not exceed Rs 16. per mo.

also, Resd That the rate of allowance for the children of our helpers in the Deccan be Rs 1. per mo. for each child or dependent parent. from the present month.

Adjourned with prayer at 5 P. M.

May 10th

Met at 9½ A. M. – After the half hour of devotions, the journal of yesterday was read – Discussed the question of additional allowances for Dr. Ogden – Voted, that the Secretary be a Com. to communicate with Dr. Ogden regarding her plans & wishes –

That Dr. Ogden be allowed Rs 10. per mo. in addition to our regular allowance for conveyance. (Rs 30. per mo.) & that any part of this not covered by fees recd she be allowed to charge in her mission account.

That the question of the increase of Dr. Ogden's personal allowance Rs 20. per mo. next year, be referred to the Prud. Com. with explanations. –

The Business Com. reported, recommending that the Marathi lesson be recited at 3 o'c. Monday P. M., & the conference be held Tuesday P. M. approved – Took up estimates for 1880 –

A letter from Pastor Modak to the mission was read, intimating his purpose to resign the pastorship of the Nagar church & giving his reasons therefor; The Secretary was instructed to reply to the letter informing him that the mission do not object to his sending in his resignation to the church.

Resd. That in view of Pastor Modak's proposed resignation of the pastorship of the Nagar church, he be employed as Instructor in the Theol. Seminary, & as Evangelist - his evangelistic labors to be under the direction of Bro. Bissell. & that his allowance be Rs 75 per mo. - Memo. This is the same that he has been receiving as pastor of the Nagar church -

Continued the consideration of estimates till 30m P.M. & then adjourned till Monday morning -

May 12th Met at 9½ A.M. Spent a half hour in devotional exercises - the journal of Saturday was read - The Eng. sermon was preached by Bro. Park yesterday afternoon. The Mar. sermon was preached by Bro. R. A. Hume Sab. morning, & criticisms were made by the brethren this morning.

It was voted that the Mar. lesson be postponed till later in the week. Took up the estimates for 1880. A letter was read from Dr. Norris respecting her allowances, & it was voted, that in the estimates for 1880 we ask a personal allowance of Rs 110. per mo. for Dr. Norris-

Res^d that Bábáji Shivaram Bhosle be employed as Bible Reader at Bombay under the care of Bro. E. S. Hume, & that we ask Rs 20. per month for him in the estimates for next year. Continued the consideration of estimates till 30m P.M. & then took Recess-

Assembled at 3 P.M.

Voted. that Muktabai Shetibá be employed as Bible woman at Seroor from Apr. 1st 1879, in place of Krishnabai, (who has left service), & that Ráhibai Khondaba be employed as her associate at Rs 3. per mo.

That Zaibai, widow of Dajiba Sakarám be employed as Bible woman in the Western district, from the first of June next.

Memo. We approve of Br. R. A. Hume allowing one or two rupees per mo. more than the regular rate to the most experienced teachers in the girls school at Nagar-

Res^d That Annubai Sawalyaram be employed as teacher of a girls' school at Sirur on Rs 3. per mo. from March 15th '79.

Res^d that we ask Rs 10. per mo. for a teacher of a girls school at Sholapur in 1880.

That Látyá Sakarám Tribhuwan & his wife be employed as Station Sch. teachers at Sirur from Apr. 1st at Rs 10 per mo. for both.

Adjourned with prayer at 5 o'c.

May 13th — Met as usual & spent a half hour in devotions. After reading the journal of yesterday, resumed the consideration of estimates for 1880. Some discussion took place respecting the Sta. School of Bro. E. S. Hume in Bombay. Br. R. A. Hume was requested to communicate with his brother on the subject discussed, & the views expressed —

Listened to a statement by Br. Park respecting the evangelistic work at Bombay & in the Konkan — The following memorandum was adopted.

Memo. That we cordially approve of Bro. Park's work begun in the Konkan, & are ready to extend it as far as the means placed at our disposal will allow. —

Br. Ogden presented the subject of a new dispensary at Sholapur — stating that $1500. should have been asked instead of Rs 1500.

Took recess at 30m P.M.

Met at 3 P.M. Held a conference on the subject of Baptism, as chosen at last meeting — Then resumed the consideration of estimates — advancing as far as Com. Schools in Nagar W. dist.

adjd. with prayer at 5½ o'c.

May 14th — Met as usual at 9½ A.M. — spent a half hour in devotional exercises — after reading the journal of yesterday took up the subject of estimates — & went on as far as "new buildings" — voted that we adjourn this P.M. at 4½ o'c. — Took recess at 30m P.M.

assembled at 3 P.M. Resumed the consideration of estimates - The following was adopted -

Resd that, in view of the expressed willingness of the Woman's Board to furnish the money, the Committee appointed for rebuilding the Byculla house be also a Com. to report to the mission plans & estimates for a two story building to be erected on the site of the present school house at Byculla, to be used for a Station school, also for social meetings, & as a preaching place.

Resd that the brethren at Sholapur with Dr. Ogden be a Com. to report to the mission plans & estimates for a Dispensary at Sholapur - Memo. These committees are to report by circular as soon as the estimates are obtained.

adjd. at 4½ P.M with prayer -

May 15th - Met at 9½ A.M. - Spent a half hour in devotions - after the reading of the journal, took up the item of "Tours & traveling" in estimates. It was

Resd that Brs. Wells, Harding, & Bruce be a committee to report to the mission on the expediency of purchasing or building another house either at Mahableshwar, or Panchgani, for the use of our missionaries in the hot season.

Resd that we ask the Prud. Com. to allow such part of the appropriation for Mr. Bába Padmanji as is not needed this year to be applied in supplementing the expense of the buildings erected for the Theol. Seminary— the deficiency being about Rs 700.

Resd that Bro. Fairbank be appointed to compile the report of the mission for 1879 from the reports of the brethren to be sent in at the end of the year—

Resd that the Marathi Almanac for 1880 be prepared by Bro. Park — that its size be 48 pp Super Royal 8vo., & its price 1½ ans. per copy with the usual discount (25 per cent.) to colporteurs. & that 2000 copies be printed.

Finished the estimates for 1880 & took recess at 40m P.M.—

Met again at 3 P.M.

Resd that the new edition of the Marathi Hymn book be sold at 10 & 11 annas per copy according to the style of binding, & that one anna per copy be allowed to Colporteurs.

Resd that with reference to Res. 16 in the minutes of our meeting of May 1874. Bro. Park be instructed to confer with the Secy of the Bombay Tract Society with a view to effecting a change in the terms on which the more expensive mission publications are furnished to that Society.

Resd that Brn. Park & Gates be a Com to examine the Normal School next October.

Resd that Bro. Fairbank be a Com. to examine the Girls School at Nagar next October—

Resd that Brs Harding & Bruce be a Com. to examine the Theol. Class next October.

Bro. Bruce having offered to the mission the Tracts published by him entitled respectively "on eating meat." "The faithful dog", & "Uncle Johnson";

Resd that the offer be thankfully accepted. & that Br. Bruce be requested to confer with Bro. Park with reference to their publication -

Resd that the Publication Department be authorized to publish with funds in hand the ~~following~~ above tracts - namely 500 copies of the first, & 1000 copies each of the 2d & 3d -. also a series of bilingual tracts containing notice of hours for religious services in Bombay ad lib. - Bro. R. A. Hume presented the subject of an endowment for the Theol. Seminary at Ahmednagar which was discussed, & recommitted to him for report tomorrow morning -

adjd with prayer at 5:20 P.M.

May 16th

Met at 9½ A.M. - after the half hour of devotions & reading of the journal of yesterday. Bro. Hume reported in reference to the ~~Theol~~ endowment for the Theol. Semy at Ahmedn, & the report after amendment was adopted - (See Res. 2. in the copy of minutes.)

It was Res^d^ that in view of our estimates for the current year having been restored by the Prudential Committee, we approve of the employment of the following persons provided for in our appropriations – as teachers.

Gangaram Tukaram Wágchoure. Nagar West –
Bháu Rabaje Kadam ——— " South –
Limbaji Mahádubá Sálave – " "
Bháu Bápuji Sinde – Sholápur

& as Bible reader. Arnumá Sadobá. Nagar W.

Res^d^ that Bro. Winsor have charge of the Sirur district from the 1st of April, & that he be allowed the expenses of removal from Satara, also 120 rs for a station Sch. at Sirur this year; Rs 50. for tours. Rs 65, for changes for health. Rs 30. for traveling on mission business. Rs 140 for pundit. Rs 20. for books & tracts. Rs 15. for medicines, & Rs 8 per mo. for carrier.

[Memo. It was approved by circular in Feb. that Bro. Winsor in removing to Sirur be allowed to take with him Sawalya Sakaram (a Bible Reader), the mission tents in his possession, except one 2 poled tent, & certain books from the library (see his list) for one year.]

Res^d^ that 20 per cent advance be asked on our estimates for those of our native helpers whose pay does not exceed Rs 16. per mo. when the price of grain is such that less than 24 pounds is ~~[illegible]~~ obtained for a rupee.

Took recess at 1 P.M.

Met again at 3 P.M.

The following Genl. exercises for Oct. '79 were approved – namely –
Eng. Sermon by Bro. Fairbank (deferred)
do do " Gates –
Mar. do – Park
Essay by Bro. Winsor –

Written Exegesis by Bro. Harding -

do do criticized by Bro. Fairbank

Marathi Lesson by Bro Park

Conference on "Women's work for women in India"; to be led by Bro. Bruce.

2d Conference on "English Education in connection with our mission", to be led by Bro. E. S. Hume

Resd. That Pastor Modak be allowed Rs 12. for traveling expenses when recently on sick leave - also Rs 20. for a servant's house, & Rs 35. (half the cost,) for a stable built on the mission premises occupied by him.

That Bro. Park be a Com. to confer with the President of the Aikya (Union) for the arrangement of public evening exercises at our next Oct. meeting.

That Bro. Park be authorized to inform the lessees of our Press buildings in Bombay, that we see no reason now for supposing that we shall not be ready to rent the building to them for Rs100 per mo. & taxes for five years after the expiration of the present contract, but that we cannot at the present time bind ourselves to any such agreement.

That Bro. E. S. Hume be authorized to use the rent of the press building in Bombay for providing himself with a house for the rest of this year.

That inasmuch as the Rs 240. usually given by the C. V. E. Soc. for the "children's part" of the Dnyanodaya was not recd in '78, it be used for 1879.

That Brn Bruce & Harding be a Com. to report to the mission at its next meeting forms of pledges to be given by students supported by the mission while obtaining an education.

That Bro. R. A. Hume be a Com. to confer with our native brethren with reference to some appropriate celebration in Oct. 1881 of the 50th anniversary of the occupation of Ahmednagar by our mission.

The annals of the mission for 1875 were read by the Secretary, & approved.

Adjourned at 5½ P.M. with prayer — to meet at the call of the chairman.

May 17th 6 P.M. Met at the call of ~~the call of~~ the chairman. The following Resolution was adopted as appropriate for the first one in our minutes — namely,

That we acknowledge with devout thankfulness the goodness of God at this juncture in removing the necessity of retrenchment, & providing the means for greatly enlarging the work of the Board through the timely & munificent legacy of Dea. Otis.

Resn That we renew our request of last July, (Res 12 of our minutes) to the Prud. Committee for a grant this year of Rs 10.000 (Rs 12.000 - 2000. in estimates of this year) for raising the ground of the Byculla premises. & rebuilding the house, out-houses & compound wall, & that the com. then designated (the missionaries in Bombay with Brn Fairbank & Harding) be authorized to commence at once such parts of the work as can be done with the Rs 2000, in this years appropriations.

Resd That Hari Umaji, teacher be dismissed from mission service for carelessness in incurring debts & for quibbling.

That the item of Rs 10. per mo. for guard for Dr. Norris Dispensary be inserted in our estimates - also. Rs 200 for a house for teacher at Maindogan in the Nagar South District -

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman -

May 19th 5 P.M. Met at the call of the Chairman - The Secretary read a copy of the minutes as prepared to be sent home, & presented a copy of the estimates, but it was decided to dispense with the reading of the latter. It was

Resd that the following estimates of the expenses of the mission ~~for~~ in 1880. amounting to Rs 81.350 be approved.

Resd that the minutes as now read be approved. & a copy of them be sent to the Secretary of the Board in Boston. Adjourned sine die, with prayer.

L. Bissell, Secretary

Meeting of the American Marathi Mission held at Ahmednagar. Oct 15 — 1879.

The Mission met at 9.30. A.M. in the Lecture Hall - Present Brethren Fairbank Bissell, Bruce, Wells, Park; Winsor, R. A. Hume & Gates.

It devolved on Br. Fairbank to act as chairman. After reading the Scriptures and prayer by the chairman and Bro. Gates, the minutes of the last meeting were read.

Brn. R. A. Hume and Gates were appointed the Business Committee for this meeting.

Voted, That the examination of candidates for the Normal School be held on the 22nd inst & that Brn. Fairbank & Bissell be a com. to conduct this examination. That the usual prizes given by Mr. Haig to the teachers of our station schools and village schools for the scholars who pass an examination be paid this year by the mission.

Memo, These prizes have been at the rate of 4 annas per each scholar passing in an assigned subject in our station schools, and Rs. 1. for each subject in the village schools.

A business docket was prepared.

Voted that we meet at 9.30 in the morning and take recess at 12.30. and in the P.M. meet at 3. o'clock and adjourn at 5.

Adjourned at 11. A.M. with prayer.

Oct. 16th. Met at 9.30 A.M. in the Lecture Hall - Besides those present yesterday Brs. Harding & E.S. Hume were with us. After the half hour spent in religious exercises, the minutes of yesterday's were read. Letters from Dr. Clark since our last meeting were read by the secretary. Reports were made by the brethren of the work in their respective districts since our last meeting. The Business Committee reported recommendations. That a Conference be held at Br. Bissell's on Friday evening on the subject, "Women's work for women in India". That the public examination of the Normal School be held on Saturday morning, the 18th, at 6.30. A.M. English Sermon Sabbath evening, the 19th, by Bro. Fairbank. Monday, the 20th, A.M. Examination of the Theological Class. Monday evening. English lecture. Tuesday evening the 21st, Conference on

English Education. Wednesday, the 22nd P.M. Exegesis and Marathi Lesson. Sabbath, the 26th A.M. Marathi Sermon by Bro. Park. Sabbath evening English Sermon by Bro. Gates. The above was approved by the mission - took recess at 12.45. P.M.

16th 3. P.M.

After the reading of one or two letters, the committee on Jubilee celebration in 1881 reported, and it was voted that Brn. R.A. Hume, Fairbank and Bissell be a Committee to prepare plans for the Jubilee Celebration, and present to the mission at this meeting.

Resolved that we consider Sirur an important mission field, on which much labor has been already ~~been~~ expended, and we think it very desirable that Bro. Winsor should continue the work he has begun there. We therefore approve of asking of the Prudential Committee the sum of Rs. to build a house and out-houses for the use of the missionary residing there.

Adjourned at 5.15. o'clock.

Oct. 17th

Met at 9.30. A.M. in the mission chapel, Dr. Ballantine & Dr. Norris also being present. After the religious exercises the minutes of yesterday's session were read—

and also a letter received from Dr. Clark last evening. The resolution before us, when we adjourned, was called up and amended by adding the following words, "and that Bren. Fairbank, Bissell and Harding with Bro. Winsor be a committee to decide upon a plan for the buildings, and present it to the mission". The resolution as thus amended was passed.

The question of additional pay for our native helpers was then discussed - and the following resolution was passed.

Resolved - That a grant of one month's pay be made to our native helpers in the Deccan Districts whose allowance does not exceed Rs.16. per. mo. for relief during the next five months, to be distributed at the discretion of the missionary, and charged in this year's account, and that the pastors receive Rs.10. each in this grant.

Bro. Park reported on the subject of our Press-Building in Bombay. (see Res. 32. in our May minutes.) also on our relations to the Bombay Tract Society. (See Res. 33 in our May minutes)

17th 3. P.M.

Met and heard a report of the committee on a form of pledges to be taken from our students, (see Res. 39. in minutes of May.) & the report was accepted. A petition of Pastor Modak asking an increase of pay was read, but action on it was deferred.

Bro. R. A. Hume reported a letter of advice to our helpers. The letter reported was approved by the mission, but on such a small majority that it was thought best not to send it.

In the evening a conference was held at Bro. Bissell's on the subject of "English Education in connection with our mission" – led by Bro. E. S. Hume.

Oct. 18th

Met at 9.30. A.M. in the mission chapel. After the usual devotional services and reading of the minutes of yesterday, the question of English Education in our mission was discussed, also the question of assembling another Theological class next year, and the expediency of Bro. E. S. Hume's transfer to Ahmednagar.

Bren. Fairbank and R. A. Hume were appointed a Committee on the scale of pay for our native helpers.

The annals of the mission for 1876. 7. 8. were read and approved.

Resolved That Bren. Bissell and Gates with the manager of the Publication Department be a consulting Committee to decide upon M.S.S. for publication and other matters connected with the work of the Department.

Bro. Bruce presented to the mission two MS. namely a Translation of "The little Woodman and his Dog Caesar," by Mrs. Sherwood, & "The Young Sapphira", a tract on lying, which were prepared by Mrs. Bruce. These were accepted with thanks and made over to the Publication Department. At 30. min. P.M. adjourned till Monday morning.

Sabbath 19th Bro. Fairbank preached the Eng. sermon in the Lecture Hall this evening—

Oct. 20th.

Met at 9.30. A.M. and spent a half hour in devotional exercises — after which the examination of the Theological Class was held till time for recess. They were examined in Evidences of Christianity; English; Exegesis of the first three chapters of Genesis, of Galatians and Titus; Astronomy and Church Government.

20th 3. P.M.

Met in the chapel and took up the subject of the location of the members of the Theological class. It was voted that the members of the Theological class be stationed during the vacation as follows.

Apajee Santaba at Khokar.
Balawant Chimaji in the So. District under the care of Bro. Bissell.
Tukaram Nathuji in the Sholapur East District.

Bhujanrao Lax. in the Sholapur West District.
Krishnaji Bhágobá at Wámbori.
Haribá Gyánobá at Bhuinj.

The committee on Jubilee Anniversary reported recommending three objects to be suggested to the Aikya for their consideration. The report was accepted and the Committee were authorized to confer with a committee of the Aikya.

Resolved that arrangements for teaching English in some of the schools at Ahmednagar the coming year be made by the brethren at that station, and that those studying it be required to provide their own books and pay an additional fee of one anna per month.

Resolved That we approve of Bro. Harding asking permission of the Prudential Committee to visit America with his family in the early part of next year.

Resolved That we approve of Bro. Bruce sending his two older children to America with Bro. Harding. Adjourned with prayer at 4.35. P.M.

Oct. 21st

Met at 9.30. A.M. and spent a half hour in devotional exercises. After reading the journal of yesterday—

Resolved That the missionaries at Ahmednagar be a Committee to secure a lease of the "Castle" and premises connected with it for 99 years at Rs. 30. per month on the condition that the mission may withdraw from the contract on giving five years notice. The Committee on securing an additional house at the health station reported, and it was —

Voted that the Committee be authorized to secure the Makenzie lot at Panchgani if it can be obtained at an expense not exceeding Rs. 600. and that we ask the Prudential Committee for a special grant of Rs. 3500. to provide another house at that station.

Voted that the houses at the health station for the next hot season be assigned as follows.

Murray House — to Bro. R. A. Hume.

Wood Cottage to Bro. Gates and Miss Norris.

That Bro. Winsor be allowed to use a part of his allowance for house-rent to obtain a bungalow at Mahableshwar during the hot season. Took recess at 45. minutes P.M.

21st. 3. P.M.

Considered the question of a house at Sirur, but on taking a vote as to whether it should be a tile-roofed house or thatched the mission was equally divided and the matter was postponed. Then took up the question of the house at Byculla and the following resolution was passed.

That we approve of selling our Byculla property reserving the building used for a preaching place and school, and purchasing a vacant lot nearly opposite the Jewish Synagogue, containing 8380 sq. yds. provided the former can be disposed of for about Rs. 20000. and the latter can be obtained for about Rs. 1. per sq. yd. and that the Building committee be authorized to go forward with these plans, and build a house and out-houses on the new ground, provided the expense do not exceed the sum granted Rs. 12000 + the proceeds of the old property.

Resolved That the Bombay Building Committee be authorized to erect the new school-house referred to in Res. 9. of our May minutes, on the new premises to be purchased, and for a sum not exceeding Rs. 6000.

Bro. E. S. Hume was chosen assistant secretary for this meeting.

After some general discussion, adjourned with prayer at 4.45. P.M.

22d Oct. 9½ A.M.

Met in the chapel - after the devotional exercises & reading the journal of yesterday, discussion was held on the employment of new assistants, also a preacher to the Mussulmans of Bombay -

Resd that we approve of Bro. Park writing to ~~the~~ Dr. Clark regarding the need of labor among the Mussulmans of Bombay, & also to some mission in Northern India to see if a suitable Hindusthani preacher can be obtained for this work.

Resd that the present allowance to members of the Theol. Class be increased by Rs 2. from the 1st of Jany next. [Memo.- this is two rupees more than the allowance to an ordinary Bible Reader]

The Com. on our scale of pay for native helpers reported progress- the report was accepted & re-committed for further action at our next meeting. It was voted.

That the pay of Babajee Shivaram teacher of the Station School at Bombay be Rs 30 per month.

That the pay of Sháhu Phakirá & his wife in Bombay be Rs 20. per month.

That we approve of Mrs. Bissell asking of the woman's Board Rs 20. per month to be used in her work among the high caste ~~people~~ women in Ahmednagar.

After some consideration of Bro. Harding's circular of Aug. voted that we approve of Bro. Harding writing to Dr. Clark & asking for two unmarried ladies, (one a medical lady.) to be sent to Sholapur. adjourned at 1 P.M. to meet at the call of the chairman.

(The 23d, 24th & the forenoon of the 25th were occupied with the native anniversary meetings.)

Oct. 25. 3 P.M. Met in the chapel at the call of the chairman - after prayer & the reading of the journal of the last session, a letter from the Tract Soc. was read in reference to the colporteurs employed ~~in this district~~ & needed in the districts of our mission.

The question of the employment of of members of the graduating class in the Nor. School was discussed & a partial list prepared.

Res.d that Ramjee Kundalik of Shotre be employed as Bible Reader

Res.d That the subjects for exam of our helpers in 1880 be as follows.

Church History. Chap. 8th
Theol. Class book. " 21st
Arithmetic. 2 part. first 14 pages.
Bible: Exodus 11th – 20th chaps.

Reading modi papers. & writing Bal. & modi from dictation.

That Hariba Gyanoba be allowed 1 rp. per month for a bro. who is a cripple, under the rule for dependents.

That Bro. Winsor be allowed Rs 3. add.l making Rs 5. per mo. for the teacher of his girls sch. at Sirur.

The request of Yizobá Bhagoba to be employed by the mission was disallowed.

Res.d that the Párner church be allowed to use some old lumber belonging to the mission (valued at Rs 38.) in building their new chapel.

Resd. that Bro. R. A. Hume be allowed to charge in his account the cost of rebuilding a wall of this compound at an expense not to exceed Rs 50.

Adjd. at 5½ P. M. to meet at 9 A. M. on Monday –

26th Sabbath – The Marathi sermon was preached by Bro. Park this morning, & the Eng. sermon by Bro. Gates in the evening. The sacrament of the Lord's supper was celebrated Sab. afternoon, the mission uniting with the native church — Bro. Bowen & Pastor Wanisam administering the elements –

27th Met at 9 A. M. at Bro. R. A. Humes. after the devotional exercises & reading of the journal, the Marathi sermon of Sab. morning by Bro. Park was criticized. The blank in the Res.n referring to the Sirur bungalow was filled by inserting the sum of Rs 6.500 – also it was

Resd – that in view of Dr. Clark's letter of Sept. 12th – the Com. be authorized to go forward & build without waiting further advice from the Rooms – as otherwise the bungalow cannot be ready for occupation before the commencement of the Rainy season –

Resd – that the pay of Vishwanath Pundit be Rs 35 per month from Jan. 1st 1880.

That the Com. on the exam. of pupils pay the teachers the prizes—

That the Resn granting one months pay to our helpers be amended so as to include our native assistants of all grades & in all the districts.

Bro. Bruce was authorized to have the roof of the Satara chapel painted & charge the expense in his acct. with the mission.

Voted that Bro. R. A. Hume & Gates be a Com. to suggest new methods of labor in our mission—

Took recess at 45 min. P.M.

3 P.M. Met again at Bro. Hume's.

Voted that we approve of Bro. Winsor accepting ~~the~~ offer of the Govt. military barracks at Sirur for the purpose of teaching native Christians some industrial pursuits—it being understood that the mission does not assume any responsibility in the matter.

Referring to Bro. Winsor's circular of July 3d the mission approved of employing Anand Limbaji as teacher. & Dhanaji Saptal as Bible Reader at Seroor, also the rent of a school ~~building~~ room at Rs 3. per mo. & the purchase of two clocks for Rs 14.—

The officers of the mission for 1880 were elected as follows—

Secretary & Annalist	Bro. Bissell
Treasurer	Bro. Gates—
Financial Com.	Bro. Fairbank Bro. Bruce— & Bro Gates—
Editer of the Dnyā	— Bro. Park
Marathi do	Shahurao
Librarian at Ahmedr	Bro. Fairbank

Bro. Fairbank reported on his examination of the girls school—

Petitions were read from several persons asking service or wishing to change their place of service—

Bro. Bruce & R. A. Hume were appointed a Com. to revise & present to the mission the form of pledge to be taken from students who are supported by the mission—& those hereafter receiving aid from us in the normal School are to be required to sign this pledge—

The Com. on a Divorce law reported progress.

Resd that we approve of Bro. Fairbank sending his three children who are still in this country, to America under the care of Bro Harding.

Resd. that the following persons & members of the graduating class in the sem. sch. & others be employed as teachers & Bible Readers — namely —

Devráo Bahiraji Bandrade } in N. E. Dist.
Jivan Syajee Rátthawad } from July 1st
Apajee Laxaman Sálave } as teachers
Vyankoba Ka Hiwále }

Trimbak Vyanku Hiwále. from Nov. 1st —

Kásabai Nawajee Hiwále. Bible woman from July 1st —

Bhagusha Bhivaje } In the Párner Dist.
Kesu Bhágoba } from Nov. 1st —
Balawant Bhawanika } as teachers —
Kondiram Rachamá }
Tukaram Gangáram }

Chokoba Gayk.? } at Sholapur
Balawant Vitthal Máne }

Bápu Námajee. teacher to be transferred to Satara —
Kashiram Kondiram, to be employed at " —

Lashmaya Nágle, — in the Nagar North Dist.
Yeshwant Shivoram
Kesu Bháu Gayakawad

Mahádu Bhiwajee. in South Dist.

Anand Limbaji, teacher in Sirur Dist. from July 1st
Dhanaji Dhond. Saptál, Bible Reader do do do

at 5h. 45m. adjd. to meet at the call of the Chairman

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Oct. 29th 12 M. Met at Bro. Bissells at the call of the chairman – after prayer the revised form of pledge to be taken from students supported by the mission was read, & approved for substance, & left with the Com. for final revision & printing. Br. Fairbank being added to the com.

A plan of the new house in Bombay was presented by the Building Com. & approved by the mission. The verbal report of the Com. on examination of the normal school was heard.

Voted, that we approve of Mrs. Winsor asking of the Woman's Board Rs 12. per month for two Bible women to be employed in the Sirur District.

The Genl. exercises for next meeting were assigned as follows.

Eng. Sermon by Bro. E. S. Hume.
Mar. do " " Wells.
Mar. Lesson " " Park.

A conference on "How far should the missionary concern himself with the temporal affairs of the native Christians"? led by

Bro. R. A. Hume. — took recess at 1 P. M. till 9½ P. M. — met at Bro. Bissell's after the evening lecture — voted that we print an edition, 3000 copies, of the 1st part of our Mar. Arithmetic, the price to be 1½ ans. per copy.

Also, that we insert in our minutes the items ~~passed~~ approved by circular as follows — circular ~~approved~~ in Aug. last. That we approve of Miss Ogden returning to America on account of ill health.

Circular of Sept. 9th. That we approve of building a Dispensary at Sholapur, according to the plan presented, at an expense not to exceed Rs 3000., & that the Brethren at Sholapur be authorized to go forward with the building at once. The minutes were then read as copied by the Secretary, & it was voted,

That the minutes as now read be approved & a copy of them be sent to Dr. Clark Secretary of the American Board in Boston —

Adjourned sine die with prayer by the Chairman at 10¼ o'c. P. M.

L. Bissell
Secretary.

Meeting of the American Marathi Mission held at Mahableshvar. May 1880–

The mission met at Murray House at 3 P.M. May 5th – There were present Brn Fairbank, Bissell, Bruce, Wells, Winsor, R. A. Hume, E. S. Hume, James Smith, (arrived in Bombay Dec. 13th 1879.) also, Miss Norris, Mrs. Winsor, Mrs. R. A. Hume, Mrs. E. S. Hume, Mrs. Gates, Mrs. Smith –

It devolved on Bro. E. S. Hume to act as Chairman, who opened the meeting with reading of the Scriptures & prayer – After the devotional exercises, the minutes of our last meeting were read, & also letters recd from Dr. Clark since our Oct. meeting.

Brn R. A. Hume & Wells were appointed a Business Committee for this meeting – A business docket was prepared – It was voted that we meet at 9½ A. M., take recess from half past 12 o c. till 3 P. M. & adjourn at 5 P. M.

Adjourned at 5. P. M. – with prayer –

May 6. Met at 9.30 A.M. in "the tabernacle", or temporary thatch house erected for use at this meeting - After a half hour of devotional exercises, the journal of yesterday's (proceedings) sessions was read - Voted - in amendment of yesterday's Res'n. that we meet at 10. A.M. & take recess from 1. P.M. - till 3. P.M. That the Conference be held Friday P.M. at 3 o'c.: that the Mar. sermon be preached at 3.45 P.M., Sabbath afternoon the 9. inst, & the Eng. Sermon at 6.15. P.M, of the same day -

Listened to reports of the work in the different districts - . Brn. Fairbank, Winsor Bruce and Bissell reported -

Bro. R. A. Hume having rec'd news of the sickness of his child at Nagar, and feeling compelled to leave, the hearing of the reports was discontinued for a time to consider some questions in regard to the Theol. Class. The questions of additional help in instructing the classes - and the expediency of calling together another class.

soon, were discussed, but no definite vote was reached. Took recess at 1 o'c.— After recess, (in addition to those here yesterday, Bro. Ballantine was present.) listened to the reports of Bro. Wells, Bro. Ballantine Miss Norris, Mrs. Gates, (for Bro. Gates) & Bro. E. S. Hume.

Bro. E. S. Hume reported in regard to the new house and lot at Byculla. Bro. Winsor reported that the Sirur house was nearly completed.

Brn. Winsor, Wells, and Smith were appointed a Com. (to report at this meeting) on changes to be made in the present mission houses at Mahableshwar.

The Com. appointed by circular to look out for a new house at the health station reported; the report was accepted, and the Committee discharged.

Adjourned at 5. P.M. with prayer.

May 7. Met in "the tabernacle at 10. A.M. Br. Gates, who had been kept away by illness, was able to meet with us today.

After the devotional exercises, and reading of the journal of yesterday. —
Voted - that Brn. Wells and E. S. Hume be a Com. authorized to bid first for the purchase of "Yenna Lodge" not to exceed Rs. 4.000 - & in case of failure to secure that house to bid for "East End", not to exceed Rs. 1500. — The annals of the Mission for 1879. were read and approved for recording. —

Voted - that Bro. Bruce be appointed to prepare a report of the Mission for 1880.
That we approve of rebuilding the old chapel on Pastor Modak's premises, - the walls of which are in danger of falling - at an expense not to exceed Rs. 600., & that we asks the Prud. Com. for a special grant for this purpose -
Voted - that the Sec.y, be instructed to write to Dr. Clark - requesting that if it is proposed to send Miss Ogden back to India, the opinion of the Mission should first be asked -

That Brn. E. S. Hume and Ballantine be a Com. to examine the Nor. School next October, —

That Bro. Winsor be a Com. to examine the Girls School next Oct.

Took recess at 1. P. M.

After recess — On account of the absence of Bro. R. A. Hume — the conference was deferred — Matters at Sholapur — involving difficulties among our native assistants — were discussed, and it was voted — that Pastors Modak & Vishnupunt be a Com. to visit Solapur — and investigate matters pending in the Native Church at that place — and report to the Mission —

Res'd, that we ask the Prud. Com. from the beginning of 1880, and onward to grant our personal allowances in pounds sterling — at the rate of a pound for Rs. 10. in the present allowances — in Memo. — The brethren are to make out their accounts for the first half the current year in this manner, subject to approval of Prud. Com.

That we approve of Br. Bissell building an additional room 15×16 ft. on the S. end of the present girls' school house at Nagar - at an expense not to exceed Rs. 300. -

Moved - that we meet at 9.30 A.M. tomorrow and adjourn at 1 P.M., having but one session - Adjourned with prayer.

May 8. The devotional exercises were held as usual, and the journal of yesterday's session was read.

Some general discussion of matters connected with the girls school at Nagar - and also in regard to the S. School lessons in the Dnya. & the following minute was adopted -

That we think it very desirable that fuller notes of the S. S. lessons should be prepared - for the use of our Native Christians - and we recommend that Bro. Park confer with with Mr Daulat Maruthrao with reference to a translation & adaptation of Peloubet's, select notes, and notes in the Cong'st. on the International Lessons; said notes to fill about eight pages per mo. of Dnya. size.—

It was approved by circular in Dec. 1879. that the Brn. at Sholapur be authorized to purchase a second house at that place— for the use of the Mission for Rs. 1200; and to expend in repairs of the same, a sum not exceeding Rs. 600.

Took up the subject of inventory of the property of the Board—

Adjourned with prayer at 1. P.M.

May 10. The Eng. Sermon was preached by Bro. E. S. Hume last evening at Murray House— from John 4:37.

Met at 10. A.M. this morning—

Br. R. A. Hume, having returned from Ahr. was again present with us.

The usual devotional services were held and the journal of Saturday was read.

Voted— That Brn. Bissell & Fairbank be a committee to prepare the inventory of

Mission property - asked by Mr. Hard.
That the Girls' School at Ahr. be put in charge of Mrs. Bissell - & that we approve of the employment of a person probably European or Eurasian to be Matron & Assistant teacher in the school at an expense not to exceed Rs. 60. per mo. and house - (Memo - the expense of this assistant for the present year will be mostly met from a Gov't, grant.

Some general discussion occurred on matters connected with our work - without action - Reports were made in regard to MSS. offered to the Mission - & by the Com. on Divorce laws - also by the Com. to suggest plans of labor which were accepted
Recess at 1. P.M -

After recess. Listened to petitions from Prabhakar and others - for increase of pay - Took up the report - of the Com. on Scale of pay and considered it till it was time to adjourn - At 5. P.M. adjourned with prayer -

May 11. Met at 10. A. M. Spent half an hour in devotions: the journal of yesterday was read.

Voted - That the Dny'a. Almanac for 1881. be prepared by Bro. Park - to consist of 48 pp., the price to be 1½ annas per copy with the usual discount to Colporteurs; the edition to be 3000 copies

Voted - That the Brn. at Ahr. be a Com. on the subject of a Scientific Institute in connection with our anniversary in Oct.

That Bro. R. A. Hume - be a Com. to confer with the Com. of the Union in regard to the exercises at our next anniversary -

Some discussion took place in respect to the expediency of calling together another Theol. Class. next month.

But it was decided not to call them together during the rains -

That Brn. Fairbank - & R. A. Hume be a Com. to prepare a circular letter to our Native Assistants, especially those who are candidates for the next Theol. Class, in regard to faithfulness in their work. & the fitness required to enter such a class.

Voted - that Br. R. A. Hume be requested to communicate with Dr. Fraser in regard to his giving instruction to our Theol. Classes.

Voted - that we recognize the desirableness & urgent need of a Hall for evangelistic purposes in connection with our mission in Bombay - But that we hesitate to ask so large a sum as will be required, in view of the necessities of other parts of the field.

The subject of "Scale of pay" was again taken up, & the discussion continued till time for recess.

After recess - 3 P. M.

Took up the subject of scale of pay for one hour - then listened to an Essay by Bro. Winsor on "a self-supporting native church - This & remarks upon it by the brethren occupied us till the time for adjournment. Adjd with prayer at 5 P. M.

May 12th - Met as usual at 10 o'c. The first half hour was spent in devotions, & the journal of yesterday was read - Took up the "scale of pay" for our Native agents - voted, that Rule 9. be added as follows - that for special faithfulness the above rates may be increased to agents in classes 1. 2. 3, 5. & 6, by one rupee per mo. after three years, by another rupee per mo. after six years, & by a third rupee per mo. after 10 years.

Rule 10th as follows - that increase of pay in classes 4. & 7. will depend upon fitness, special faithfulness, length of service, & other considerations affecting each case.

Rule 11th as follows - that it is to be understood that a faithful performance of the duties ~~of~~ in any class is an essential qualification for advancement to a higher class -

Voted that the new scale of pay, & qualifications, as now amended, be adopted by the mission - subject to the approval of the Prudential Committee. [see minutes in the mission Records]

Listened to the report of the Committee on changes in the present mission houses at Mahábleshwar -

Voted - that the Committee on purchasing another house at Mhabr be authorized to bid on "East End" as high as Rs 2000.

The Committee on Jubilee anniversary reported progress. Took up Estimates for 1881 till the time for recess

After Recess - met & took up the estimates till the time for adjournment - adjd with prayer -

May 13th Met as usual at 10 A. M. After a half hour of devotional exercises, the journal of yesterday was read.

Voted. that the investigation in connection with church matters at Sholapur (noted in the journal May 7) be deferred till June.

Listened to report of the ~~brethren~~ Com. on new house at Mahableshwar -

Voted - that Bro. Winsor be instructed to communicate with the agent of "Jamkhandi", inquiring if he will dispose of his property here for Rs 3100. to Rs 3500.

- That the Com. be authorized to bid Rs 2200 for Acorn Cottage.

- That Tukárám Bhawániba & Vitobá Bhágobá be employed as teachers in the Sirur Dist. the former from March 1st, & the latter from July 1st 1880.

Continued the consideration of estimates until the time for recess -

After recess - 3 P. M. - Met in Murray House. A conference was held on the subject. "How far the missionary concern himself with the temporal affairs of the native christians?" Led by Bro. R. A. Hume -

Adjourned at 5 P. M. with prayer.

May 14th. Met at the usual hour, & spent half an hour in devotional exercises - the journal of the previous day was read.

Voted - that Bro. Park be allowed to wall in the mandap opposite Pastor Vishnupunt's house in Bombay, with allowances in hand for houses exclusive of receipts for rent of the Press buildings.

- That we approve of building a Dispensary for Dr. Norris on the new premises to be purchased at Byculla, at an expense of about Rs 3500 - Memo. This is in view of the fact that the New Hampshire Branch of the Woman's Board have raised this sum for this purpose.

Voted - that we ask in supplementary Estimates for an appropriation for making necessary alterations, & putting ~~on~~ an iron roof on the houses at the health station - Mahábleshwar.

- That the resolution to employ a matron in the Girls school at Nagar be amended by adding the words: "& that Rs 150. be asked to provide a cookroom for her use" -

continued the consideration of estimates till recess -

After recess -

Voted - that Bro. E.S. Hume be requested to revise & carry through the press, the

1st part of our Marathi Geography - & that the edition be 2000 copies.

voted - that Bro. R. A. Hume be allowed to charge in his accounts the necessary expenses of removing his family to Bombay, the rent of house there, & removal to Mahableshwar, amounting to Rs 550 - also Rs 300 for extra family expenses - & that he be allowed to overdraw his allowances for this six mos. to the extent of Rs 200.

— That Bro. R. A. Hume be appointed to prepare a condensed translation of Dr. Jacob's work on the Ecclesiastical Polity of the New Test.; & also to prepare a manual of Church Government in Marathi -

adjourned with prayer at 5 P.M.

May 15th - Met & spent half an hour in devotions, & read the journal of yesterday - voted - that Bro. Winsor be allowed to overdraw his allowances in this six mos. acct. to the extent of Rs 250.

Referring to Dr. Clark's letter ~~of~~ inquiring if two single ladies should be sent out to labor in Ahmednagar, the following minute was adopted - That in view of the failure in health of several young sent to our mission, we hesitate to invite others to come - But if the Prudential Committee should see fit to send two such persons, of sound health, & other suitable qualifications we would give them a cordial welcome; & there is abundant work for such laborers — & we would suggest that it would greatly add to their usefulness, if one were a medical lady —

Voted — that a person on being appointed to mission service may receive a gratuity of one months pay. (if it seem necessary.) — & employees of the mission when they marry with the approval of the missionary in charge; may be aided by a sum not exceeding Rs 10. to avoid their running in debt.

That Br. Bissell be allowed to charge in his acct. Rs 20. for expenses of change for health of Chimaji Khondabá, Bible Reader —

Resd — that the following estimates for 1881. amounting to Rs 87,971. & also supplementary estimates Rs 11.500 be approved — (total = 99.471.)

×× adjd at 12h 45m to meet on the 17th 11 A.M.

×× The vote of May 13th authorizing the Com. on house at Mahab. to bid Rs 2000 for "East End" was re-considered & negatived.

May 17th Met at 11 A.M — After devotions the journal of Saturday was read —

Voted — that the action by circular in Feb. in regard to Br. Harding's departure be approved, as follows. — that we approve of Br. Harding proceeding to America with his family, the two older children of Br. Bruce, & three children of Bro. Fairbank; by the Steamer Rydal Hall, via Suez Canal

& England – & that the Treasurer be authorized to pay Rs 4,325. for the expenses of the party on the voyage & in England.

– That the com. on the new bungalow at Sirur be allowed to use a part of the appropriation for matting in the house.

– That Brn Park & E. S. Hume be a com. to report on plans for mission work.

– That the pay of Rev. R. V. Modak. Instructor in the Theol. Seminary, be Rs 90. per mo. from the 1st of Jany 1881. & that the allowance of Rs 4. per mo. for house-guard be discontinued.

– That Anand Bálájí Wate be employed as teacher in the Nagar South Dist. from Jan. 1st 1880.

Voted – that we approve the action by circular of Nov. last. that Rev. James Smith on his arrival in India be stationed at Ahmednagar while studying the language –

– That the General exercises of the next meeting be assigned as follows –

English sermon by Bro. R. A. Hume.
Marathi " " Winsor.
Essay by " Ballantine.
Exegesis " " E. S. Hume
(Critic L. S. G.)

Conference – subject. plans for the instruction & improvement of our native assistants, by collecting them at the central stations during some part of the year – Led by Bro. Park.

2d Conference – Shall we set definite limits to our mission field?

~~Voted - that the Committee on new home at Sirur be allowed to use a part of the appropriation to provide cheap matting for the house~~ - (See previous page.)

- ~~That Bro. Park & E. S. Hume be a Com. to report on plans for mission work.~~

At 12h - 30m P.M adjourned sine die with prayer -

L. Bissell,
Secretary.

Meeting of the Am. Mar. Mission
held at Ahmednagar - Oct. 1880.

The mission met at 10½ A. M. in the "Mission House", Bro. R. A. Hume's. Present Brn. Fairbank, Bissell, Bruce, Wells, Park, Winsor, R. A. Hume, E. S. Hume, Smith, also Mrs. Bissell, Mrs. Park, Mrs. Winsor, Mrs. E. S. Hume & Mrs. Smith. It devolved on Bro. R. A. Hume to act as Chairman. After devotional exercises led by the chairman & Bro. Park, the minutes of our last meeting were read, also letters recd from Dr. Clark since our last meeting. A business docket was prepared, & Brn Fairbank & R. A. Hume were appointed a business Committee for this meeting.

Took recess at 30m P. M.

3 P. M. Met after recess - Rev. James Herrick & wife of the Madura Mission of the Amer. Board being present on a visit to our mission, it was voted that Bro. Herrick be invited to sit with us as corresponding member

Listened to reports from the brethren of the work in their respective districts since our last meeting. The Business Com. reported recommending the following examinations & exercises for the days mentioned.

That the hours for our daily sessions be as follows - 9¾ o.c. A.M. to 45m P.M.
Recess to 3 P.M. -
afternoon Session 3 o.c. to 5 o.c. P.M.

The Preliminary exam. of Bro. Smith by the Mission to be held Thurs. P.M. Brn. Bissell & E. S. Hume taking the lead.

The public exam. of the Girls School to be held in the chapel Friday P.M. at 4½ o.c.

The exhibition of the Nor. School to take place Sat. morning at 7 o.c. in the Nor. Sch. building.

1st Conference to be held on Sat. evening at Bro. Bissell's.

2d Conference on Tuesday evening (26th) at Bro. Smith's.

The Mar. sermon for criticism to be preached by Bro. Winsor Sab. P.M. (24th).

The exam. of the Theol. Class Monday A.M. at 10 o.c.

Brn. Fairbank & Ballantine were appointed a Com. to examine the Sta. & village Schools for prizes to teachers, & also candidates for the Nor. School. adjd. at 5½ P.M. with prayer -

Oct. 21st Met at 9¼ A. M. — Bro. Gates was present besides those here yesterday — After the devotional exercises, & reading the journal of yesterday, listened to a Statement by Bro. Herrick respecting the work in the Madura Mission, & also the report of Bro. Gates on the work in his district.

Voted that the pay of Prabhákar Keskar, medical helper at Sholapur, be Rs 35 per mo. from the 1st of Jany. 1881.

That the pay of Munshi Totanath, Musalman preacher in Bombay, be Rs 60. per mo. + 20. for house rent, from the time he was employed.

Approved that Bro. Wells charge in his accts. the necessary expense of care & repairs of "Green Hill" & the other houses at the health station.

Took recess at 45min. P.M. —

3 P.M. Met in the chapel, & took up the preliminary exam. of Bro Smith — After the exam. it was decided that the mark should be 6½ on a scale of 10.

Voted that the Jámbgáv part of the Western district be placed in charge of Bro. Smith —

That Bro. R. A. Hume be allowed to spend the coming cold & hot seasons at Mahableshwar with his family.

That Brs. Bruce & Wells be allowed to make a tour of six weeks to Northern India at their own charges.

That the Com. on Sirur bungalow be authorized to spend Rs 153. in addition to the first appropriation, for building a road, & godown, & for other necessary work on the new premises. — adjd. at 5 P.M. with prayer.

Oct. 22d Met in the chapel at 9h 45m. — After the half hour of devotional exercises the journal of the previous day was read. The Com. to examine the Nor. School reported, & the report was accepted. Voted that Brs. Wells, Fairbank, & R. A. Hume be a Com. on changes & repairs of Murray House & Graves Cottage at Mahabalishwar, to report at this meeting.

A statement was made in regard to the need of the girls School at Sirur by Bro. Winsor.

Bro. R. A. Hume reported in regard to the memorial to Govt. on a divorce law for our native Christians, & also on the jubilee anniversary.

Voted that Brn Bissell & R. A. Hume be a Com. to prepare a draft of a Constitution & Creed for the Theol. Semy to be presented at our next meeting.

Took recess at 50min. P.M.

3 P.M. Met at Bro. Humes –

Voted that Bro. Wells be authorized to sell the mission bungalow at Bhuinj for a sum not less than Rs 1500.

Some discussion occurred in regard to ~~the~~ requiring the payment of fees & half the price of books used in our schools, but no action was taken.

Adjd at 4:15m to attend the public exam. of the girls school.

Oct. 23d In the morning met at 7 A.M. in the C. V. E. building to attend the exhibition of the Nor. School.

At 9:45m met in the chapel – after the half hour of devotions, & reading of the journal of the previous day,

Voted, That Sakaram Bhawaniba be dismissed from mission service for inefficiency; & Tatya Sakaram be dismissed for unsatisfactory character –

That the brethren at Ahmednagar be a Com. on building a new house for the girls school. on the general plan presented to the mission, & within the appropriation Rs6000 —

After reading correspondence between the Secretary & Mr. Williams S.P.G.,

Voted that if no satisfactory correction of the misstatement in his last years report be made by Mr. Williams, a corrective statement, including the correspondence, be inserted as an appendix in our next report.

That Rāwajee Lāthe be transferred from the class of teachers to that of Bible Readers.

That the Secretary provide a uniform set of blank books for the use of the brethren, in which shall be preserved the statistical records of ~~the~~ each district, by the missionary in charge; including the date of employment, pay, character & work of the native agents, & any other important matters affecting the interests of the work — & that on leaving the district the missionary shall deliver the book to his successor, or to the Secretary of the mission.

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3 P.M. Heard the report of the committee on repairs of houses at Mahableshwar.

Voted that the changes & repairs suggested in the report be approved, & that the Com. be authorized to go forward & make them without delay.

Bro. Winsor reported on the examination of the girls School, & the report was accepted.

The following assignment of houses at the health station was made for the next hot season.

Murray House – Br. Bissell
& (Miss Norris?)

Wood Cottage – Bro. Bruce.

Graves Cottage – Bro. Winsor.

Green Hill – { Bro. R. A. Hume
{ " E. S. Hume

The location of members of the present Theol. Class was decided upon as follows

Balawant Chimaji – Shrigonda

Apaji Santoba – Khokar

Bhujan Laxaman - Sholapur
Tukaram Nathaji - Wambori
Hariba Gaikawad - Bhuinj
Krishnaji Bhagoba -
"kacha"

A list ~~was also~~ of members of a new Theol. Class was also prepared, as follows, Syaji Tukaram - Pratáp Márutirav - Jyawant Shivaram - Yoseph Gundibái - Ramaji Radhamaje - Dhondu Bhikaji - Bápu Lenaji? - Vithoba Dájibá - Sidobá Dagadoba - Shamuel Waniram? Dhanaji Dhondubá - Vishwás Alibá? - Yakob Rághoba - Narayan Báláji. Vithoba Náráyan.

adjd. with prayer at 5 P.M.

In the evening a conference was held at Bro. Bissell's on the subject: "Plans for the instruction & improvement of our native assistants by collecting them at the central stations some part of the year" - led by Bro. Park -

Oct. 25th

Met in the chapel at 9:45 - After the half hour of devotions, the examination of the Theol. Class was held - They were examined in Evidences of Christianity - the Epistle to the Romans - & the history of the Reformation. After the examination the minutes of Saturday's session were read, & criticisms of the Mar. Sermon of yesterday were made. - Took recess at 1 P.M.

Met at 3 P.M.

Bro. Park reported grants from the London Tract Soc. of £20. for a Mar. Almanac for 1881, & 100 reams of paper to the Publication Department.

Voted that Bro. Park be authorized to pay Rs6 to Vithola Narayan for medicines from a native doctor.

Voted that in sending home our yearly estimates, the estimates for Bombay & the Konkan be presented distinct from those of the Deccan Districts.

That the Com. on new houses for the mission in Bombay be authorized to build the Bungalow & School house on the new premises in accordance with plans & estimates approved by the Com., but not to exceed the appropriations. — Bro. Gates was appointed on this Com. in place of Bro. Harding.

Voted that the bungalow be located so far on one side of the compound as to allow room for another house in case it is found desirable to build another.

That the above Com. be instructed to write to the Prud. Com. in regard to a house & Dispensary for Miss Norris on the new premises.

That the old press premises in Bombay be rented to the present Lessees for five years from the expiration of the present lease, at Rs100. per month & govt taxes.

adjd at 5 P.M.

Oct. 26th

Met at 9h. 45m. A.M.

After the usual devotional services & reading the journal of yesterday.

Voted that the following studies be assigned for examination of our helpers next year.-

1. Arith. 2d part - page 15 to end.
2. Bible - Ex. chap 21. to chap. 30. inclusive-
3. Ch. History. Chap. 9.
4. Theol. Class book. Chap. 22.
5. Reading & writing Bālbodh & Modi - & that in the exam. the studies in No 5 ~~to~~ count as one in marking - & such part of the exam. as the missionaries in each district shall decide upon shall be written.

voted that we approve of the existing arrangement for preparing notes on the Sab. School lessons being continued for the present.

That the primary Station School be placed in charge of Bro. Smith.

That the Com. on new house for girls school be allowed to such part of the Govt grants for this year (Rs 298¼.) as may be needed for supplying seats, desks, &c. for the new building.

That we approve of Bro. Park asking permission of the Prud. Com. to visit America with his family in the early part of next year. That

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That Bro. E. S. Hume take charge of the work & employees of Bro. Park on the departure of the latter for America.

That we approve of Bro. Bissell asking permission of the Prud. Com. to send his two boys Harry & Dwight to America in care of Bro. Park.

That the question whether the unmarried ladies connected with the mission shall be allowed to vote on general mission business, be referred to the Prud. Com. for definite & final decision.

Took recess at 12h. 45min

Met again at 3 P. M.

The following officers were elected for next year -

Secretary. Bro. Bissell

Treasurer. Bro. Gates

Fin. Com. ; Brn. Bruce. Gates. & E. S. Hume

Editor of the Dnyn. Bro. R. A. Hume.

Mar. Editor , Thákurav Kukade

Editress of Childrens' Part - Mrs. E. S. Hume.

A communication from the "Union" of Churches was read. & Brn. R. A. Hume & Fairbank were appointed a Com. to prepare a reply to it.

Voted that Brn Bissell & Fairbank be a Com. on rebuilding the old chapel in R. V. Modak's yard. (See Res. 12 in our May minutes.) adjd at 4:45. with prayer, to meet at the call of the chairman.

Oct. 30th 3:15m P. M. Met at the call of the chairman - The following minute was adopted - That we have greatly enjoyed at this meeting the visit of Bro. Herrick & his wife of the Madura Mission, & that we send through them our fraternal Christian greeting to our brethren & sisters of that mission - fellow workers with ourselves in the service of the same glorious Lord & Master.

A MSS. ~~of a~~ memoir of Rev. Hari R. Khisti having been offered to the mission, it was referred to Bro. Park for acceptance or declining as he should think desirable—

Voted that the following resolution be adopted in place of the one on page 52. referring to the same person—

That we ask the Prud. Com. for a special grant of Rs 30. per mo. in addition to the sum asked in our estimates for Munshi Yotunath. Musalman preacher in Bombay.

That ~~we employ~~ Jairam Barse be employed as catechist at Shingave (Tukaiche) on the same allowances he has had heretofore as pastor.

That the prizes paid by the C. V. E. Soc. to our village teachers, be paid by ~~the~~ mission this year, (as last year. in the absence of Mr. Haig.) amounting to Rs 140—

Brn Park & E. S. Hume com. on plans for mission work, reported, & the Com. was re-appointed. Bro. Bruce's name being substituted for Bro. Parks—

The Secretary was instructed to prepare a minute on the death of of Dr. Anderson late Foreign Secretary of the American Board.

Adjd. with prayer. Sine die.

L. Bissell. Sec.

Voted that the minutes as read by the secretary be approved, & a copy of them be sent to the Secretary of the Board in Boston— L. B.

Meeting of the American Marathi Mission at Mahableshwar. May. 1881.

The mission met ~~at~~ in Murray House ~~on~~ Wednesday morning. May 4th at 10 A.M. There were present Brn Fairbank. Bissell. Bruce. Winsor. R. A. Hume. Ballantine. E. S. Hume. Gates. – also Mrs. Bissell. Mrs. Bruce. Mrs. Winsor, Mrs. R. A. Hume. & Mrs. E. S. Hume. Bro. Smith did not come to this meeting.

Rev. J. Wilkie of the Canadian Pres. mission. Indore, being present, was invited to sit with us as corresponding member.

After the opening devotional exercises ~~the~~ minutes of the last meeting were read. Brn Bruce & Gates were appointed a Business Com. for this meeting. Bro. E. S. Hume gave a report of the work in Bombay & the Konkan since our last meeting, the other brethren having given their reports at an informal meeting Tuesday ~~yest.~~ P. M.

A business docket was prepared.– Letters recd from Dr. Clark since our last

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meeting were read, also letters on mission matters recd ~~from~~ by the Secretary from other sources.

Voted That Bro. Fairbank be allowed leave of absence for three months to visit the Pulney Hills.

The Bus. Com. reported recommending that we meet at 9½ A.M. & that the first half hour be spent in devotional exercises. That we take recess from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M. & adjourn at 5 P.M. — approved by the mission.

Bro. R. A. Hume reported on the subject of a ~~fe~~ memorial to Govt on the divorce law, & also in regard to changes in the houses at the health station. —

Bro. E. S. Hume at his own request was released from acting on the Finan. Com. for this year, & Bro. J. Smith was appointed in his place.

Voted. that Wood Cottage be converted into servants' houses & stables for use in connection with the other two bungalows on these premises.

That the Com. on houses at the Health

be authorized to construct the new road from Murray House to the south side of the premises this season.

Took recess till 3 P. M.

Met at 3 o'clock -

Voted, that the house at Mahableshwar hitherto called "Graves Cottage" be named "Grace Cottage -

That the present Theol. Class be assembled for a fourth term of study in June.

That a second class also be assembled in June to commence a course of study, ~~the~~ to be composed of such persons, as the mission may select ~~the~~ from among our native assistants. ~~as~~

~~the~~ after some selections for this class,

adj^{d} at 4½ P. M. with prayer -

May 5th - Met at 9½ A. M. After the half hour spent in devotional exercises, & reading of the journal, Rev. J. M. Goheen of the American Pres. Mission, Kolhapur, being present was invited to sit with us as corresponding member -

Letters from Bro. Smith were read, & his request to be transferred to Wai was considered.

Voted, that Bro. Bruce be authorized to procure if possible a building lot & premises at Wai, at an expense not to exceed Rs 300 –

That Dadobá Jádhav of Mhád be transferred to Wámbori under the care of Dr. Ballantine, till next October.

That Bro. E. S. Hume be allowed to pay a teacher at Rohe in the Konkan Rs 6. per mo. till next October.

That the Secretary be instructed to write to Sháhurav. Mar. Editor of the Dny^a, informing him that the expense of printing the Dnya is now greatly increased by delay in furnishing the Mar. copy – that the mission think he should furnish all the matter except the news on Tuesday & the news before 4 P. M. on Wed^y, & the mission must hold him responsible for strictly carrying out this arrangement.

That the present arrangement for preparing the Mar. notes on the Sab. school lessons cease with the coming June No – & that Bro. Bissell be requested to see if some arrangement can be made for preparing them in Nagar.

That Bro. Bruce be requested to prepare

the list of Sab. Sch. lessons for 1882.

That Bro. Fairbank be appointed to prepare the Marathi Almanac for 1882.

That Bro. Wells be allowed to charge in his account Rs 100. the wages of a native nurse for Mrs Wells on the voyage from Bombay to Liverpool.

Took recess at 1 o'c. & met again at 3 P.M.

Voted that the Com on new Girls Sch. house at Ahmed. be authorized to put ~~in~~ a stone floor in the veranda of the building. also one additional door to the hall. & to build an outhouse – the entire cost not to exceed the appropriations & donations for the school for the current year.

That Bro. Bruce be appointed to prepare the report of the mission for 1881.

That we ask in our estimates for 1882 Rs 500 for printing our report & other papers in connection with our Semi-centennial anniversary.

That Baptized adults not recd at once to the communion of ~~the~~ any church, be considered as in connection with some local church, & be reported to the pastor or other person in charge of that ch. to be entered on their ch records.

Voted that Bro. Bruce be requested to prepare 150 books with blank forms for the reports of the helpers in the several ~~different~~ districts - each book to contain blanks enough for three years use.

That Pastor Vithoba Bhambal be released from payment this year of Rs 15. rent of the Takya lands in Gahu of which he has had the use.

adjd at 5 P.M. with prayer-

May 6th - Met as usual - after the devotional exercises & reading of the journal, the motion under consideration lost and was passed as follows-

That Brn Fairbank, Bissell, Bruce & Modak be requested to prepare historical accounts of the Evangelistic work of the mission, the Educational work, the Literary work, & the native Christian community, respectively for our semi-centennial meeting.

That the Com. on buildings at the Health station be authorized to take over from Govt such additional land in connection with the Green Hill premises as seems desirable.

That the Secretary write to Dr. Clark asking that Blank forms be sent us for the statistics which he wishes furnished-

That the Secy write to Mr. Ward, Treasurer of the Board, asking if our financial year should also ~~and~~ close Mar. 31st, & intimating that this arrangement would be acceptable to us.

That Brn Winsor & Smith be appointed to examine the Nor. School at Ahmedn next October —

— Bro. Gates & his wife to examine the Girls School —

— Brn Fairbank & E. S. Hume to examine the Theol. School —

— Brn E. S. Hume & Ballantine to prepare questions on a part of the subjects for our examination of Native agents in July of this year. (namely Arith, Church Hist. & Bible) —

That having re-considered our new scale of pay, we re-affirm our conviction of the expediency of its adoption.

That Brn Bissell, R. A. Hume, & E. S. Hume be a Com. to prepare & print rules for exam. in accordance with our new scale of pay, & to arrange for the exam. of our native agents according to this scale in July 1882.

That the Brn at Ahmedn Bro. R. A. Hume Chairman, be a Com. on the anniversary exercises of next October.

That the Genl exercises next Oct. (& until further action of the mission) be an Eng. Sermon & a Mar. Sermon — & that Bro. Smith be appointed to act as Chairman of our meeting

& preach the Eng. Sermon, & Bro. Bissell to preach the Mar. Sermon next October.

Res^d that in reply to Dr. Clark's letter of Feb. 25th, asking an expression of opinion by the mission in regard to the location of Dr. Norris on her return to India, the following minute be adopted—

That if Miss Norris' health would allowed her living at Sholapur, we think her work would be most directly & decidedly helpful to our mission work if she were stationed at that place, & labored in connection with the good dispensary already built there: ~~Of~~ if she preferred some other station in the Deccan we should approve of her occupying *that*. in view of the very great expense at Bombay— But if she is unable to occupy such a station in the Deccan, we think it would be well for her to return to Bombay, provided she had a congenial lady associate to work with her as an evangelist, & follow up her medical work—

Voted, that Brn R. A. Hume, Fairbank, & Bissell be a Com. to present to the Governor of Bombay our memorial upon a Divorce law for ~~our~~ native Christians in India.

Recess from 1 to 3 P.M.

Voted that Bro. Bruce be a Com. to correspond with the Treas^r of the Board, & with Messrs Abbott, Wood & Wells (former members of the mission) in regard to the tenure of mission property, & to obtain from them the "power of attorney" for the transfer of property held in their names, for some member of the mission.

That those of the missionaries who wish it be allowed to apply for Govt. inspection, & grants in aid for the schools under their care.

That Bro. Ballantine & R. A. Hume be a Com. to prepare & report to the mission at their next meeting a plan for the inspection by our own agents of our ~~common~~ village schools.

That in our estimates for 1882 we ask Rs 1200, including donations ~~for~~ in America for this purpose, for building four new dormitories for the Theol. ~~School~~ Seminary.

adjd. at 5 P. M. with prayer –

May 7th Met at 9½ A. M. – Spent half an hour in devotional exercises – the journal of yesterday was read –

Voted that Chăngunabai Sadoba Powar, be employed as Bible woman at Bombay under the direction of Bro. C. S. Hume –

Took up the subject of estimates for 1882. & continued it thro' native agency.

Took recess at 12 M. – During the recess The Com. appointed by the mission with Rev. Mr. McKichan of the Free Ch. of Scotland & Rev. Mr. Goheen of the Amer. Pres. mission waited on the Governor by ~~invitation~~ appointment. to present the memorial on a Divorce Law -

Mission met at 3¼ P.M.

(Circular) Resd. that we approve of Dr. Ballantine selling the Takya premises at Gahu (in Ráhuri Dist.) for Rs 1200

Br. Bruce having reported in regard to renting the bungalows at Mahab. during the cold season, voted that we approve of renting Murray House & Grace Cottage thro' Mr. Orr General Agent, for Rs 150. & Rs 100. respectively -

That we ask in our estimates for 1882 Rs 60. per mo. for the employment of Miss Susan Graham (Eurasian) as an assistant to Mrs. E. S. Hume in Bombay -

The following minute was adopted to be sent to the Prud. Com. -

The Mission having heard that Rev. Justin Abbott, under appointment to this mission, has intimated his desire to acquire the Hindusthani language, & engage in work among the Musalmans in Bombay desire to enter the following minute on this subject for the Prudential Committee. - That we consider the work among the Musalmans a very important branch of missionary work in Western India - well deserving more attention than it has yet received - & if our Board is prepared to undertake & carry it on with efficiency, we shall rejoice to see it initiated. But we think the Mar. work which we have in hand should first be provided for; & we suggest that two men are constantly needed in Bombay to carry on our Mar. work there to the best advantage. Also if work is begun in the Hindusthani language, there should be two missionaries in Bombay devoted to that. To station but one man for this purpose in such a city, is to risk the sudden interruption of the work when he is ill, or for other reasons called away, & thus much ground is lost. Are the Prud. Com. prepared to sustain four missionaries in the city of Bombay, with two corps of efficient native agents, in addition to those needed to reinforce our Deccan Stations, & prosecute the work vigorously in those districts? If not we think it would be unwise ~~be unwise~~ to inaugurate the proposed work among the Musalmans in Bombay - While therefore we shall cordially welcome Mr. Abbott to to the mission. we think it better that he should labor with ~~the rest of~~ us in the Marathi language, unless the Board is prepared to send another man soon to be associated with him, & to follow up vigorously this new branch of work -

Resd That the Secretary be instructed to write to Dr. W. McConaghy, Superintendent of Mahablishwar, thanking him for his gratuitous services in attending upon Mrs. Wells in her recent illness, & also upon other families of our mission -

Continued the preparation of Estimates thro' Com. Schools.

adjd at 5½ P. M. with prayer.

May 9th - Met at the usual hour - The half hour of devotional exercises, & the reading of the journal -

(Brn Fairbank & Ballantine left in the night.)

Voted that we ask in supplementary estimates for an appropriation of Rs 3000. for a new bungalow at Wai for Bro. Smith.

That Krishnarow Sangale of Bombay, be transferred to Ahmednagar from the 1st of June, on a pay of Rs 40. per mo. including house rent, under the care of Bro. Bissell,

& that Rs 30. be allowed him for expense of removal.

(By circular in March) That we approve of Brn Park & Wells proceeding to America with their families, also Miss Norris, & the two boys of Bro. Birrell, & that the Treasurer be authorized to pay Rs 7925 (of which Rs 825 to Miss Norris) for the expenses of the party on the voyage & in England—

After recess – 3 P. M.

Finished the consideration of estimates – voted that Bro. E. S. Hume be allowed to supplement the pay of Miss Susan Graham at Rs 50. per mo. this year, from the allowance for pundit.

Also, that he be allowed to use what is left of his appropriation for repairs to provide furniture for the new school building in Bombay.

Completed the selection of students for the new Theol Class as follows.—

Ráwajee Chokoba Sáthe
Pratap Márutirav
Jayawant Shivaram
Dhondiba Bhikajee
Vithoba Dajibá
Dharajee Dhondaba
Bápu Náwaji
Narayan Balajee
Yákob Rághobá
Shetibá Phakirobá
Jawalgaram Sak. Sálave

Voted, that if any of the above men fail to enter the class, so that the number becomes less than ten – Ramchandra Vithal first, & Bápuji second be admitted to the class.

Adjd with prayer at 5 P.M.

May 10th met as usual – the half hour of devotions, & reading of the journal followed.

Voted that we add Rs 500. to the estimate for bungalow at Wai, (making Rs 3500.) in order to provide a tile-roofed bungalow instead of thatched.

That the com. on houses at Mahab. be allowed to use such sums as are saved from appropriations for health changes, for the current year & rent of the old press premises at Bombay ~~Byculla press~~, to complete the changes & repairs at the health station – subject to the approval of the Prudential Committee.

That we ask Rs 50. per month for a Mar-preacher in Bombay – the sum to be placed under the 3d head in the "Classification" –

Went over the estimates with a view to classification in accordance with the suggestion of Dr. Clark's letter, dated Nov. 12: 1880. (see 6th item postscript.) –

The constitution ~~of~~ prepared for the Theol. Seminary was read article by article & adopted by the mission for reference to the Prud. Com.

Voted that Br. R. A. Hume & Br. Winsor

be permitted to overdraw their allowances Rs 200. each in this six mos. account.

Adjourned with prayer, to meet at 9½ A.M. on the 12th inst.

May 12th Met at 10 A.M. - after devotional exercises, the journal of Tuesday was read - Listened to a report by Bro. Bruce of his visit to Wai. & inspection of a site for a bungalow.

Bro. R. A. Hume read a letter to be sent to Mr. Chatfield. Director of Public Instruction. about Govt grants-in-aid.

Resd That the translation of Dr. Jacobs book on the "Ecclesiastical Polity of the New Testament," prepared by Bro. R. A. Hume be submitted to Rev. R. V. Modak for examination, & then sent to press; & that an edition of 500 copies be printed.

That we ask for Rs 2,500 instead of Rs 1,550 for iron roof on Green Hill bungalow, & painting the roofs of the three bungalows, & preparing servants houses.

That in the classification of our estimates according to the suggestion in

Dr. Clark's letter of Nov. 12th, we include in the *first* class as "*indispensable* for the economical support" of our work the greater part of our estimates,
amounting to Rs 70.538-

In the *second* class as "desirable" for a moderate increase of operations,
the pay of ten new teachers, Rs 1.116.
& one village Sch. house 150. 1.266.

In the *third* class of "new work",
our supplementary estimates Rs 4.500
& one new preacher in Bombay 600 5.100.
(see copy in the mission Records) 76.904

That the following estimates, of expenditure in 1882, amounting to Rs 72.404 & supplementary estimates amounting to Rs 4.500 be approved -

That the minutes as now read by the Secretary be approved, & a copy of them be sent to the Secretary of the Board in Boston.

After reading of the scriptures & prayer by the Chairman, adjourned sine die - L. Bissell Secretary.

Oct. 1881. Journal of Mission Meeting at Ahmednagar - Oct. 1881.

The mission met in the Mission House, Bro. R. A. Hume's at 9½ A. M. Oct. 19th. Present. Brn Fairbank Bissell, Bruce, Winsor, R. A. Hume, E. S. Hume, Gates & Smith. Also Mrs. Bissell, Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Winsor, Mrs. E. S. Hume, Mrs. Gates & Mrs. Smith.

It devolved on Bro. Smith to act as chairman.

After devotional exercises the minutes of the last meeting were read.

A business docket was prepared & Brn. R. A. Hume & Gates were appointed Business Com. for this meeting. Then listened to reports by the brethren of the work in their respective districts. Took recess at 45m P.M.

3¼ P.M. Met & listened to reports from the rest of the brethren. Then the Secretary read letters rec'd from Dr. Clark since our last meeting.

The Business Committee reported, recommending that our morning session be from 9½ A. M. to 12½ M. & in the afternoon from 2h 45m to 4h 45m.

The question of our inviting two young ladies to come out to take charge of the girls' school at Ahmadnagar was discussed, but no action was taken.

Voted that the Eng. Sermon by Bro. Smith be deferred till our next meeting (Mr. Mitchell having consented to preach in his place Sabbath evening, Oct. 30th.) & that the public examination of the Girls' School be held at 4½ P. M. Thursday, & that the Marathi Sermon by Bro. Bissell be preached Sab. P. M. Oct 23d. Adjourned with prayer at 5¼ P. M.

Oct. 20th 9½ A.M.

Mission met as usual. Mr. Ballantine present in addition to those named above. After the usual devotional exercises & reading of the journal of yesterday the following Resolution was passed.

As there are so few Missionary ladies now at Ahmadnagar, we request the Prud. Com. to send out two single ladies for that station, & we earnestly hope that daughters of our Marathi missionaries may be selected for this work. It is probable that these ladies, one or both of them, will be asked to take charge of the girls' school, but we think that they should understand that they might be called to do Zenana or other mission work.

Resd. That we approve of Bro. R. A. Hume visiting America with his family in the early part of next year, & that Brn E. S. Hume & Gates with himself be a Com. to arrange for the voyage.

Resd. That Mr Orr. Agent at Mahableshwar be employed to superintend the rebuilding of Green Hill house at that station (at 1½ per cent)

Resd. That the "Green Hill" bungalow at Mahableshwar be rebuilt with an iron roof on the plan now presented to the mission.

Resd. That the Blank reports prepared by Bro. Bruce be distributed for use by the brethren from the 1st of Jan/82

Took recess at 35m P.M. Met at 3 P.M.

Voted. That we approve of the scheme for raising the entrance standard of the C. V. E. Normal School in accordance with Mr. Haig's proposition.

Mr. Gates reported his examination of the girls' school at Ahmadnagar, which was accepted.

Mr. Ballantine reported with reference to the work in the Rahuri District. Adjourned at 4 P. M.

Friday Oct. 21st. 9½ A. M. Met & spent the usual half hour in devotional exercises. The journal of yesterday was read.

Voted, that on account of the want of funds for printing we recommend Mr. Vankatrao Modak to offer his M.S. (a poetic version of the book of Esther) to the Bombay Tract Society.

Voted that the examination of candidates for the Normal School & for prizes, take place on Monday & Wednesday of next week. Mr. Fairbank being chairman of the Com. of examination.

Voted, That Bro Bruce be appointed editor of the Historical papers to be presented at the anniversary, & that 500 copies be printed, using the paper donated to the Publication Department by the Religious Tract Society. That 25 copies be ~~printed~~ bound in cloth for use in our libraries, & to send to America & that 20 copies be allowed to each member of the mission, & 5 copies to R. V. Modak. Also that the authors of the different papers be allowed each a number of copies of his own paper (not to exceed 100 copies) gratuitously: & that the price of the book to purchasers be one rupee.

Br. Bruce reported in regard to efforts to obtain a building lot at Wai, & the report was accepted.

Also, on the tenure of property, & obtaining the power of attorney for some member of the mission.

Res'd that Br. Bruce having incurred considerable expense in the preparation of plates &c for his Marathi Treatise on Astronomy, he be allowed to secure the copyright of his book.

Bro. R. A. Hume reported in regard to the memorial in behalf of a Divorce Law for native christians. The report was accepted, & Bro. E. S. Hume was added to the Committee.

Voted that the New Year's No of Balbodh Mewa be one half larger than usual, as a special number.

Took recess at 30m P.M. Met at 3 P.M.

Bro. Smith presented the subject of an Eng. High School in Ahmednagar, & after discussion it was voted

That Bro. Smith be allowed to take such preparatory steps as are necessary for opening an Eng. High School in Ahmednagar next June, the approval of the Prud. Com. meanwhile being obtained. it being understood that no additional grant will be needed for the expenses of the school in 1882.

Voted that Bro. Gates be allowed to employ a compounder for the dispensary at Solapur at ten rupees per month from funds in hand.

Adjourned with prayer at 5¼ P.M.

Oct. 22nd. Met at 9½ A.M. The half hour was spent in devotions, & the journal of yesterday was read.

Voted, that the personal allowance of Bro. R. A. Hume from Aug. 1st be Rs 120 per mo.

That Moses Samuel be employed as teacher in the school at Bombay & as Secular Agent, from the 1st July, on a pay of Rs 50 per month, to be paid from the Gov't grant for the school.

The question of the condition of the native churches was discussed, & the relations & duties of the mission & "Eikya". Also the pastorship of the Bombay Church.

Voted, that Vishnupant's family be allowed the use of the Pastor's house at Bombay for one year from the date of his death, — they paying the taxes & making the necessary repairs.

Voted, that Shamabai be employed as teacher in the Station Sch at Bombay, on a pay of Rs 20 per month, & rent Rs 6 per mo. to be paid from allowances on hand.

Voted that 4 pages per month of the Dnyanodaya be allotted to Tukaram Nathoji for the matter which he may furnish for the paper.

Voted that we heartily approve of the proposal to hold an Indian Missionary Conference at the close of 1882, similar to that held at Allahabad - 1872.

Adjourned with prayer at 1 P.M.

24th Oct. Met at 9½ A.M. The usual half hour was spent in devotions, & the journal of Sat. was read.

The creed of the Theol. Sem. was read, & adopted by the mission.

Voted that the Secretary write to Mrs. C. E. Frazer Tytler in regard to the removal of the Pimplas Memorial Chapel to some place where it may be more useful.

That Dr. Ballantine be allowed to use the Rs 120 received for the Gahu Lakya to build a pastor's house in Rahata, provided a site can be obtained.

Voted that the following persons be elected as Trustees of the Theol. Semy.

Bro. Fairbank for 5 yrs.
" Bruce " " "
" Winsor " 2 "
" E. S. Hume " 2 "
" Ballantine " 3 "
" Gates " 1 "

Mr. Shahu Daji Kukade 4 yrs
" Ramji Sangaji Bhore 2 "
Pastor Anaji Bhagoba 1 "

Voted that the constitution & creed of the Theol. Semy. be made over to the body of Trustees now elected.

Voted that the Annalist be instructed to include a descriptive list of the books published by members of the mission in the annals.

Several petitions were presented but no action taken on them. Adjourned at 1 P.M.

25th Oct. Met at 9½ A.M. An hour was spent in the prayer-meeting. The journal of Monday was read.

Voted that Tukaram Seenaji be employed as teacher under the care of Bro. Fairbank from Sept. 1st.

That Rawaji Kanhoba be employed as teacher in the Sirur District.

That the Secretary provide a new cabinet for preserving the mission records & papers.

That the Parner District be placed in charge of Bro. Smith from the 1st of Jany 1882.

Report of the Committee on examination of native agents.

I A teacher who wishes to be placed on a higher scale must bring a certificate of having passed a Gov't examination, which entitles him to the advanced position.

II His pay on the new scale will commence from the beginning of the next half year.

III That our usual examination of native agents be held next July.

IV & that preachers who wish to be placed on the higher scale may be examined at the same time provided they give notice to the missionary in charge, one month before-hand.

Adjourned at 1 P.M. to meet at the call of the Chairman.

Oct. 31st Met at 9½ A.M. The usual half hour was spent in devotions, & the journal of the last session was read.

Bro. Fairbank reported in regard to the examination of boys for prizes to their teachers, & it was voted that Rs 1254 be paid to the teachers as prizes for the past year.

Voted – that our teachers be informed that the system of examination of boys for prizes will be discontinued from this time

Bro. Winsor reported in regard to the examination of the Normal School, & the report was accepted.

Voted that Bro. Winsor be allowed to pay Rs 2 per mo. additional for rent of a house for the Station School at Sirur.

Voted, that Ramaji Laxaman & Yeshawant Hariba be employed as teachers in the Satara Dist. & Jairam Bhivaji be transferred to the Parner Dist.

That Shamool Waniram be transferred to the C. V. E. Soc. at the request of Mr. Haig to be employed as teacher in the Normal School.

That Anand Hariba & Nana Narkoba, & Ramchandra Rumaji be employed as teachers in the Rahuri Dist.

That Balwant Vithoba in the Solapur Dist. be employed from the 1st of July '81

That the members of the first Theol. Class be located as follows.

Tukaram Nathoji at Wambori
Apaji Santoba " Khokar.
Balawant Chimaji " Shrigonda
Hariba Gyanoba " Wai.
Bhujanrao Laxaman " Solapur.
Krishnaji Bhagoba " Wadali.

That the members of the 2nd Theol. Class return to their former work in the districts, till the beginning of their next term of study.

That we approve of Mrs. Winsor asking Rs 9 per mo. from the Woman's Board for the employ of a Bible woman & assistant at Ranjangaon in the Sirur District.

That Rev. Narayan Sheshadri be elected one of the trustees of the Theol. Seminary for three years.

That Miss Fannie Graham (Eurasian) be employed as an assistant of Mrs. Gates at Solapur from Jany 1st 1882 at Rs 85 per mo. & that we ask a special grant from the Prud. Committee for this purpose.

That the Committee on Byculla house be authorised to repair the old Press Building at Byculla - the present occupants advancing the money & receiving their pay from the rent.

The Committee on examination of the Theol. Classes reported, & the report was accepted.

Voted, that the following assignment of houses at the health station be made for the hot season of 1882 -
Grace Cottage to Bro. Bruce. Murray House to Bro. Winsor
Green Hill (west) to Bro. E. S. Hume. Panchgani to Bro. Gates.

Voted, that the building of stables for Murray House & Grace Cottage be committed to the Building Com. together with Brn Winsor & Gates.

That the Sab. School Lesson notes be discontinued at the end of the year.

The following officers were elected for 1882.
Secretary Bro. ~~Bissell~~ Financial Com. Brn. Gates, Smith
Treasurer " Gates & Ballantine.

Bro. E. S. Hume, Eng. editor of the Dnyanodaya.
Mr Shahurao Kukade Mar. " " " "
Mrs. E. S. Hume Editress of Balbodh Mewa
Librarian & Depositary Bro. Smith.

Bro Bruce was appointed to preach the Mar. sermon at our next meeting.

Adjourned at 6. P.M.

Nov. 1st 3 P.M. Voted that the Resolution passed yesterday with reference to the building of stables for Murray House be amended so as to read that the Committee be authorized to proceed with the work as soon as the appropriations are received, & that the road be built near the wall on the West side of the compound.

A communication having been received from the Secretary of the Union in regard to their action for the support of native pastors, Brn Bissell & Smith were appointed a Committee to prepare a reply & circulate it for the approval of the mission.

Resd that so far as possible we carry out the principle that parents pay for the support of their children while attending our schools.

Resd. That Bro. Winsor be allowed to overdraw his allowance Rs 200 in his acct at the end of this year.

The following minute was adopted.

I That considering the reduced state of the mission we earnestly request the Prud. Committee to send out reinforcements as soon as possible as they are needed even to carry on the present operations.

That Bro. Smith be authorized to express to Dowlat Marutirao our interest in him & readiness to employ him if he wishes to work in connection with the mission.

That the Secretary be instructed to reply to Mr. Mackichan's letter in regard to the employment of native christians who are in connection with another mission.

After some discussion in regard to Bro. Smith's final examination, adjourned to meet tomorrow at 4. P.M.

Nov. 2d 4 P.M.

Voted, that Rev. R. V. Modak be allowed to take a change to Bombay for his health, & that Rs 20. be allowed for his expenses if he alone goes, & Rs 20. more if his family accompanies him.

Also that Bhāgubai teacher in the Girls school be allowed Rs 9. for traveling expenses to Bombay.

That Bro. Smith be a Com. to prepare books with blank forms for the use of the Inspectors of our Village Schools.

That the Inspectors be allowed batta at the rate of five annas per day (3 ans. for horse. & 2 ans. for a man) while out on their tours of inspection.

That Brn Ballantine & E. S. Hume be a Com. to prepare a list of subjects for the examination of our native agents next July.

That in view of Dr. Clark's letter of Sept. 27th just recd, Rev. Justin E. Abbott on his arrival in India be located at Bombay to pursue his studies of the language, with the assistance of Bro. E. S. Hume.

Bro. Smith having declined to present himself for his final examination according to the rules of the mission, & also declined to give any reasons therefor, the following minute was adopted to be forwarded to the Prudential Committee. —

We regret exceedingly that Bro. Smith should assume such a position in regard to any requirement of the mission, especially as we think he would easily pass the required examination. We consider this rule an important one, & submit it to the Prudential Committee whether it shall be set aside in this case.

Res^d that the above minutes be approved & a copy of them be forwarded to the Secretary of the Board in Boston.

adjourned sine die, with prayer

L. Bissell Sec.

May 1882. — Journal of Mission meeting at Mahabaleshwar.

May 10th The mission met in Murray House at 10½ A. M. — Present Brn Fairbank. Bissell. Bruce. Winsor. R. A. Hume. E. S. Hume. Gates. Smith. & Abbott (Rev. Justin Edwards Abbott arrived in Bombay to join the mission. Dec. 21: 1881.) also Mrs. Bruce. & Mrs. Winsor.

Bro. Fairbank was asked to act as Chairman. & he with Bro. E. S. Hume conducted the opening devotional exercises.

After the reading of letters from Brn Harding & Park. a business Docket was prepared. & Brn Bruce & Winsor were appointed Business Committee for this meeting. Took recess till 3 P. M.

Met after recess — 3:25 P. M.

Dr. Ballantine the chairman of the meeting was also present. The minutes of our Oct. meeting were read. The brethren then gave an account of the work in their respective districts since our last meeting — Seven of the brethren thus reported. The Business committee reported recommending that the morning sessions commence at 9:30 & close at 12:30 – & the P.M. session be from 3 o.c. to 5 o.c. – this was approved – adj^d at 5:10 P.M.

May 11th – Met at 9:30 A.M. After the devotional exercises the journal of yesterday's session was read – The remaining three brethren then reported on the work in their districts. Letters rec^d from Dr. Clark since our last meeting were read –

The following minute was adopted with reference to Bro. Winsor in anticipation of his return to America, & the Secretary was instructed to give Bro. Winsor a copy of it in behalf of the mission.

"Rev. R. Winsor, a member of the Marathi Mission of the American Board, being about to visit America with his family, after nearly twelve years of service with us, we would assure him of our hearty sympathy, & our prayers for his safe arrival in his native land. And we commend him to the fraternal & Christian fellowship of any Church of Christ with which he may be associated in America – And if in the Providence of God, after a season of rest he shall return to resume his labors in this mission, we will welcome him back, & resume our cordial Christian relations with him."

After a statement by Bro. Smith in regard to the proposed High School in Ahmednagar, took recess at 12:30.

Met at 3:40 P.M.

The Brn at Green Hill were appointed a Com. to report tomorrow morning a plan for repairing the stables & house of guard on those premises. — & the Brn in Murray House & Grace Cottage were appointed a Com. to report a plan for the repairs of the servants houses in connection with Grace Cottage.

Voted that we ask in our estimates for 1883- Rs 300 for putting a new chappar on the bungalow at Bhuinj — also that we ask in supplementary estimates Rs 500 for the purchase of a building lot at Wai —

Resd That we ask in our estimates Rs 300. for a new chappar on the mission bungalow at Rahuri, or Rs 1800 the expense of an iron roof, & refer it to the Prud. Committee to decide which shall be granted —

Adjd with prayer at 5 P.M. the above resolution pending.

May 12th. After the half hour of devotional exercises the journal of yesterday was read. Then the above resolution was further discussed & passed - The Com:e on repairs of stables & Servants houses for Green Hill, & for Grace Cottage, reported -

Voted, that Bro. Bruce be authorized to expend what is needed for repairing these houses for the coming rains, & That we ask in our estimates Rs 200. for putting new chappars on the same houses in the next cold season.

Bro. Bruce reported in regard to the publication of the mission report for last year, also in regard to the Memorial papers now being published.

Voted that Bro. Harding on his return to India be stationed at Sholápur, & that he have charge of the native church, the station school, & the N. E. District.

Voted that Res. 4. of the minutes of our last meeting be re-considered, & that in view of Bro. R. A. Hume remaining in India, the Parner district be placed in his charge -

Also, Bro. E. S. Hume having resigned his place as Editor of the Dnyanodaya. Bro. R. A. Hume was appointed Editor.

Some discussion took place respecting the expediency of assembling a second Theological Class.

Took recess at 12:30 —

Met again at 3 P. M.

It was moved that we call together a second Theol. Class next month, but after discussion the Resolution was lost by a tie vote.

Voted, that Bro. Fairbank be appointed to prepare the Marathi Almanac for 1883 —

That Bro. Bruce be appointed to prepare our mission report for 1882.

That we ask a special grant of Rs 300 for an additional teacher in the Girls School at Ahmednagar this year.

The Annals of the mission for 1881 were read by the Secretary & approved for recording.

The following persons were appointed to take part in the examinations next Oct. Bro. Bissell to assist in the exam. of the Nor. School of the C. V. E. Soc.

Bro. Harding & Mrs. Harding to examine the girls school.

Brn Bruce & Gates to examine the Theol. Class.

Brn E. S. Hume & Abbott to examine the Mission High School at Ahmedn.

Voted. that the examination of our Native Agents be held on Wed. & Thurs. the 2d & 3d of Aug., & that any agent failing to be present without a good excuse, be fined Rs2. & be required to pass an exam. at some other assigned time.

That we ask in our estimates Rs125, for a wire fence between the girls sch. house & the bungalow in the mission compound at Ahmednagar.

adjd with prayer at 5:10 P.M.

May 13th Met at 9:30 A. M.

After the devotional services & reading of the journal of yesterday. the Business Committee reported that.

That the Marathi Sermon be preached at 4:30 P.M. Sabbath afternoon by Bro. Bruce. The Eng. Sermon at 6:30 P.M. the same day by Bro. Smith.

That the Preliminary examination of Bro. Abbott be made the order of the day for Monday P. M. & that Bro. Fairbank & R. A. Hume be appointed to conduct the examination.

The matter of Amaje Bhátya's house at Ahmed.n was considered but no action taken.

Voted that the members of the mission in arranging for the reductions required by the Prud. Com. be allowed to make these reductions in their respective districts in accordance with the principles stated in No 6 of our By-laws. which have been approved by the Prudential Committee.

Further discussion of this question was postponed till Monday.

(* See next page) Voted. That Bro. R. A. Hume be authorized to accept the invitation of the "Govt Education Commission" to give evidence before them on ~~educational~~ questions propounded by the Commission.

That Bro. Smith be allowed to offer Dr. Batty, Civil Surgeon at Ahmed.n Rs 200 for medical attendance in his family.

That Shivaram Sinde & Hariba Salave Bible Readers in the Rahuri District be placed on half pay - & that Bábáji Shivaram, Teacher in Bombay, be allowed half pay, Rs 15 per. mo. from Jan 1st to May 31st -

adj'd with prayer at 1 P. M. -

May 15th

Met at 9:45 A. M.

After the half hour of devotions the journal was read, & the Marathi Sermon of yesterday was criticized.

* The Res. (marked thus*) on the previous page was amended so as to read. - That Bro. R. A. Hume be appointed to give evidence before the Gov't Education Commission in behalf of the mission on questions propounded by the Commission - & that he previously inform the members of the mission of the position he will take on these questions.

Voted, that any member of the mission appointed to preach the Marathi sermon may be excused from criticism of the same if he shall desire it, otherwise it is to be criticized as usual.

Under the head of Reductions, voted That we ask the Prudential Committee to restore the following of the reduced appropriations, namely -

(see over)

for the Girls school at Ahmedr	Rs 310.
for Native Agency at "	200.
for Buildings in the Satara Dist. including Bhuinj. Panchgani & Mahabr	360.
Total	Rs 870.

That we ask in our estimates Rs 150. for putting an iron ceiling in the two sitting rooms of Green Hill bungalow.

Voted, that we ask in connection with our estimates for next year the sums mentioned by Mr. Ward in his letters of Feb. 24th & Apr. 5th, namely:
for the 2d chapel at Ahmednagar Rs 600.
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which were already sanctioned & expended by the mission, but which Mr. Ward says had not been granted by the Prud. Com.

Having heard the letter of Bro. Gates, our mission Treasurer, dated April 12: 1882, to Mr. Ward, we think Mr. Gates is right in his understanding that the grant of Rs 6000 for the new bungalow at Byculla, made by the Prudential Committee last November, was not to take the place of the first Rs 12000 granted in addition to the avails of the Byculla property — but that it was to take the place temporarily of the avails of this property, to be sold when we receive a good offer for it. (See also Dr. Clark's letter of Nov. 12th) But if this sum (Rs12000) has not been sanctioned ~~sanctioned~~ by the Prud. Com., we ask that it may be, as it has been ~~already~~ expended on the understanding that we were authorized to use it.

Took recess at 12:40 -

Met again at 3 P.M.

The Preliminary examination of Bro. Abbott was held, & resulted in a mark of $8\frac{7}{10}$ on a scale of 10.

Voted that we ask ~~for~~ the sum of Rs6000, the cost of the new school building at Bombay, as a special grant for this year — the amount having been already expended, (& the account rendered,) in view of letters recd in 1880-81 from the Rooms in Boston, which were supposed fully to authorize the expenditure.

Voted, that Bro. Abbott be allowed to make out his account to the end of June at the rate of two thirds the allowance of a married missionary in Bombay.

& that he send the letter of Dr. Clark (of date Aug. 1881.) with his account to the Fin. Com. as his voucher — & that the subject of his permanent personal allowance be referred to the Prud. Com.

Voted that we ask Rs 610. for Bro. Abbott's expenses for the current year in addition to his personal allowances. namely.

For pundit —	Rs 360.	
" tours —	100.	
" do. of native agents	50.	
" Traveling for health & on mission business	100.	610.

adjd with prayer at 5 P. M.

May 16th

Met at 9:40 A. M.

After the half hour of devotions. & reading of yesterday's journal.

Voted that Imám Baksh be employed as preacher in Bombay from May 1st on a pay of Rs 40. per mo. including house rent. —

That Brn Bissell & R. A. Hume be a Com. to correspond with other missions in Western India on the employment of native Christian who are in connection with another mission but not in their service.

The letter prepared by the Committee appointed at our last meeting to reply to the letter of the "Union", was read & approved. (See Res. 19. of our last Oct. minutes.)

Voted that Brn Fairbank & Bissell be a Com. to revise & carry through the press the Marathi Historical paper of Rev. R. V. Modak, & that we ask in our estimates Rs 200 for printing it. (600 copies.)-

After hearing Bro. Smith's report of his interview with Mr. Chatfield, the Director of Public Instruction,

took recess at 12:30.

Met at 3 P. M.

Voted that we ask in our estimates the following sums for providing school houses in the districts – namely,

Rs 200. for a house in Ahmedr - J. S.
Rs 200. " " Párner - R. A. H.
Rs 200. " " Kánhur - R. A. H.
Rs ~~100~~ 50. " " Sholápur - L. S. G.

These sums are asked with the expectation that like sums may be obtained as Govt. grants to supplement them.

voted that Bro. Abbott have charge of our mission preachers in Bombay, & of the work in the southern Konkan.

That we ask in our estimates Rs150 per mo. for an Eng. School at Roha in the Konkan.

Bro. Bruce reported in regard to the power of attorney ~~sent~~ for himself & Bro. Fairbank sent by Mr. Ward, & it was voted that these two brethren take the necessary steps ~~measures~~ to make these papers legal documents

That Rev. H. J. ~~Bro.~~ Bruce, Rev. E. S. Hume & Rev. L. S. Gates be appointed Trustees to hold the real estate & other property of the mission subject to the approval of the Prudential Committee of the American Board.

That the two attorneys named in the 2d preceding resolution, Brs. Fairbank & Bruce, be instructed to transfer the mission property now held in the name of those persons for whom power of attorney is received, to the above named Trustees of the mission.

adjd with prayer at 5 P.M.

May 17th met at 9:30 A.M

After the half hour of devotions, & reading of the journal, Bro. R. A. Hume reported in regard to changes + repairs made in the houses at (the Mahableshwar health station) + the cost of the same. The report was accepted.

Took up the subject of estimates, + continued it till the time for recess–

3 P.M. Resumed the preparation of estimates + continued it till the time of adjournment.

Adj.d with prayer at 5 P.M.

May 18th Met at 9:30 A.M.

Voted that the brethren at Ahmedn. be a committee to make arrangements with Mr. Abdul Nuradin, the owner of the castle, in regard to changes which may be needed on the premises–

That Bro. E. S. Hume be authorized to rent if necessary a house in Bombay at Rs 100 per mo. until the new mission house is ready for occupation & also a go-down for storing ~~mission's~~ movable prop.ty of the mission & Bro. Park's books. ~~+ mission~~

That the Res. passed May 15th (see page 98 of journal) in regard to the use of lapsed appropriations, be amended by adding the words: although we think this expenditure of lapsed appropriations for health changes, in the permanent improvement of the property of the mission at the health station is strictly in accordance with our ~~rules~~ by-laws which have been approved by the Pru. Committee.

The plans for enlarging & roofing the Green Hill bungalow & outhouses with iron, & for building new stables for Murray house & Grace Cottage with iron roofs were made last year with the expectation of using the rent of the old Press building at Byculla for supplementing the appropriations from the Board. But this rent not being available because it must be used for repairs of the Press building itself; after reducing the plans as far as possible, an expense of Rs. 435 has been incurred which is not provided for in our appropriations. As Mr. Ward's letter does not allow of our using any possible saving in our health allowances for such an object, we ask the Pru. Com. for a special grant of Rs. 435 to meet this expense this year.

Resd. That the Treasurer be instructed to procure from America two dozen reversible door locks with catches & knobs for use in the houses at Mahableshwar.

Voted that Bhagusha Bhiwaji, teacher be dismissed for inefficiency

That Nana Sakharam be employed as teacher at Parner from Jan. 1st 1882.

Took recess at 12:30

Met at 3 P.M.

Voted that the Pastor's house of the Bombay church be rented to Sumant Vishnupant for one year from Aug. 1st prop. at Rs. 12 per mo. — the mission paying the taxes and making the repairs — [Memo. The house is rented to him at this low figure in view of his father's long & faithful services.

Voted that Bro. Winsor be a Com. ~~to endeavor~~ to raise funds for enlarging the mission chapel at Mahableshwar.

That Rs. 25 be allowed to Gulab Sing for the expense of a journey to Bombay with his sick daughter, from Bro Bissell's allowance for health.

Voted that we approve of Bro. Winsor asking permission of the Pru. Com. to visit America with his family in the early part of next year.

Voted that Bro. Winsor be allowed to overdraw his allowances at the end of June to the amount of Rs. 500, with the understanding that he will pay it before the end of the year.

That R. V. M. be allowed a sum not exceeding Rs. 25 for medicines out of the balance left in Bro. Bissell's appropriations for health change this year.

Having learned from Dr. Clark's letter of Feb. to

Bro. Bruce that the importance of sending additional missionaries to our mission is under consideration by the secretaries of the Board, we would express our great satisfaction at this intelligence. It is more than 15 years since any new station was occupied by our mission, & the increase in the number of villages occupied by our native agents is not large. We are not yet meeting the demands for missionary labor in any of the occupied districts, & more missionaries are greatly needed. Thankful for the coming of Bro. Harding & party, we trust that the Prud. Com. will soon be able to send us additional re-inforcements, & also to help us to enlarge our native agency.

adj^d with prayer to meet at 11 A.M. tomorrow.

May 19th Met at 11 A.M.

After the devotional exercises the journal of yesterday was read.

Voted that Bro. Fairbank be appointed to preach the Marathi sermon, & Bro. Winsor the Eng. sermon at our next meeting.

That the Bro at Ahmedn. Bro. R. A. Hume Chairman. be a Com. to arrange for the exercises at our next meeting in Oct.

That the following estimates for 1883, amounting to Rs 81.689, & Supplementary estimates Rs 2000. be approved -

Note - the premium on personal allowances (Rs 28.608) at 18 per cent would amount to Rs 5000. which added to the above sum would be Rs 86.689 + Rs 2000 -

The minutes were then read by the Secretary, & it was voted

That the above minutes be approved, & a copy of them be sent to the Secretary of the Board in Boston.

After prayer adjourned sine die.

L. Bissell
Secretary

Journal of Mission Meeting at Ahmednagar – Oct. 1882.

Oct. 18th – The Mission met at 10 A.M. in the Mission House. Bro. R. A. Hume's. Present Brn Fairbank, Bissell, Harding, Bruce, Winsor, R. A. Hume, Ballantine, E. S. Hume, Gates, Smith, Abbott, also, Mrs. Bissell, Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Winsor, Mrs. E. S. Hume, Miss Hume, Miss Fairbank, & Miss Harding.

It devolved on Bro. Bruce to act as Chairman. The first half hour was spent in devotional exercises, Brn R. A. Hume & Gates were appointed a Bus. Com. for this meeting. The Brethren then made reports of the work in their respective ~~meetings~~ districts since our last meeting – After hearing four reports, took recess till 3 o'c.

3 P.M. The mission met, & the reports of the brethren were continued till the time of adjt – The Bus. Com. reported recommending that our morning session be from 9½ A.M. to 30 minutes P.M., & the afternoon session from 3. to 5 P.M. – adjd with prayer.

Oct. 19th

Met at 9½ A.M. — After the devotional exercises the journal of yesterday was read, a Business docket was prepared, & letters recd from Dr. Clark since our May meeting were read. —

~~Voted that~~ The Com. on correspondence with other missions (see Res. 33. of last meeting.) reported. (no progress.) — the report was accepted, & the Com. continued —

Circulars were read & approved for recording.

Some discussion followed in regard to the Sta. School at Ahmedn. —

Bro. Bruce reported in regard to the Stables & servants houses at Mahableshwar —

Voted that Bro. Bruce be instructed to rebuild the stables of Murray House & Grace cottage, which fell in the recent rains, at an expense not ~~to~~ exceeding Rs 400 — & to charge such part of this as ~~is~~ may be covered by our appropriations in this year's account. the remainder to be provided for next year.

Read a petition of Umaji Lax. Sta. Sch. teacher at Satara, asking 4 mos. leave on acct. of illness — voted that he be allowed to remain in the Nagar Dist. 4 mos. on Nagar allowance — laboring as he shall have strength —

Took recess at 30min. P. M.

Met at 3: P. M. Bro. Bruce reported in regard to the printing & sending off the Memorial Papers –

Voted that the deficiency in the appropriations for printing the Memorial papers be supplemented from our allowances for printing "other books".

A letter having been read from Rev. Kasam Mah.d asking an increase of pay – That the pay of Rev. Kasam Mahomad be Rs 45. per mo. from the 1st of Jan.y next – (Note – The Sec. to write him that we are sorry that his request was not presented in a more ~~un~~courteous manner ~~such a rude way~~ –)

Voted that a new Chappar be put on the Bhiwni Bungalow if the appropriation asked for this purpose in our estimates is received.

Adj.d with prayer at 5 P. M.

Oct. 20th Met at the usual hour – after the devotional services the journal of the previous day was read.

The Sustentation fund of the "Union" was discussed. & the means ~~of~~ to be used for securing more regular contributions from the churches – Brn Harding. R. A. Hume. & Fairbank were appointed a Com. to confer with the "Union" on this subject.

The question of the expediency of forming a "Widows aid Society" was discussed.

Bro. Fairbank was appointed Chairman of a Com. to examine candidates for the Sta. school in Nagar. coming in from the village schools –

Voted that Brn. C. S. Hume. Bruce Harding & Fairbank be a Com. to arrange for a new edition (7th) of our mission Hymn Book –

Voted that Bro. R. A. Hume be a Com. to prepare a brief statement in regard to the work of our mission, for circulation among the European residents of this country.

The matter of repair of the Satara Chapel was considered & left with Br. Bruce.

Voted that the thanks of the mission be presented to Bro. Bruce for 20 beautiful

Almanac cards for 1883 presented to each member of the mission -

That we propose to the Bombay Tract Society that they print our Marathi Almanac for next year.

Took recess at 45 min. P.M.

3 P.M.

Took up the subject of Location of the members of the Theol. Class, but after some discussion the decision ~~it~~ was deferred - The Com. on the expense of the new houses at Byculla reported progress, & the report was approved by the mission - The Com. were instructed to send a full statement of the moneys received & expended for these buildings to the Treasurer of the Board in Boston - adjd with prayer at 4:15 P.M - & attended the public examination of the Girls School held in the Chapel -

21st Oct.

Met at 9½ A.M. as usual - after the devotional exercises the journal of the previous day was read -

Voted. that the name of Rev. C. Harding be substituted for Rev. H. J. Bruce as a trustee of mission property, in Res 30. of our last May minutes.

That Brn. Bissell. Harding. & Fairbank were appointed a Com. to see what arrangements can be made for a residence for the young ladies who are to have charge of the Girls School at Ahmednagar – (see page 120 for additional)

Voted. that Miss Fairbank & Miss Harding be located at Ahmedr. to labor in connection with the Girls School.

That if the Satara Church vote it. we approve of ~~their~~ increasing the Salary of their Pastor Vithalrao Makasare from Rs 15. to Rs 17 per mo. in accordance with the rule that agents in the Satara Dist. receive two more per mo. than in Nagar.

That Brn. Bruce & Gates be a Com. to prepare a list of subjects, & also of questions for the exam. of our native agents next July –

That Tukaram Gangaram be employed as teacher under the care of Bro. Smith from June 1882 –

That Bro. R. A. Hume & Pastor Anajee be requested to act with Bro. Smith in investigating the charges against Azunna Sadoba, Bible Reader.

That members of the mission be authorized to employ native agents from Jany 1st 1883 so far as appropriations for them may be received, & report to the mission at the May meeting.

Took recess.

3 P.M.

The following Assignment was made of houses at the health stations for next hot season.

Murray House to Bro. Harding.
Grace Cottage to Bro. Gates.
Green Hill South to Bro. E. S. Hume.
" " North " " Smith.

Panchgani to Bro. Bruce.

Voted that Bro. R. A. Hume be appointed delegate of this mission to the Calcutta conference (next Dec.), & that he also be allowed to spend a few weeks in traveling as a change for health. provided he does not exceed his appropriations for traveling & health changes.

That R. V. M. be also appointed a delegate to the Calcutta conference, & that a grant of Rs100 be made for his expenses –

adjd at 4:45. with prayer.

Oct. 23d Met at the usual hour & held the devotional exercises. The journal of Saturday was read –

Voted, that the examination of Balwant Chimajee & Dhanajee Khondobá be approved, & that they be advanced to the rank of "2d Grade preachers" on our new scale –

The Com. for investigating the case of Arzuná Sadoba reported recommending that he be dismissed from mission service on account of his uncontrolable temper, & he was accordingly dismissed –

That the cost of changes in the Brick house in preparation for the temporary use of the young ladies, amounting to Rs 168.0.0 be charged under the head of house accommodations for the young ladies.

That Brn. Bissell & Smith be a Com. to see what arrangements can be made for a Tract & Book depot at Ahmednagar.

That Bro. Gates be appointed to preach the Marathi sermon, & Bro. Abbott the Eng. sermon at our next meeting.

The following officers of the mission were elected for 1883 - namely

Secretary & Annalist. Bro. Bissell.

Treasurer. Bro. Gates.

Fin Com. - Brn. Gates, Ballantine & Harding -

Editor of the Dnyᵒ. Bro. R. A. Hume.

Marathi Editor. Thakurav Dajee

Editress of the Bálbodh Mewa. Mrs. E. S. Hume.

Brn. Gates was elected a Trustee of the Theological Seminary for five years.

voted that a special new years No. of the Bálbodh Mewa be issued, the extra expense not to exceed Rs 16.

Took recess at 30 min. P.M.

3 P.M. Voted, that Brn Bissell, & R. A. Hume be a Com. to prepare & take thro the press a Marathi translation of the Rules for our new scale of pay, & the qualifications required under each head, & that 500 copies be printed.

That Babajee Shivoram, ~~in accordance with~~ on the recommendation of Dr. MacConaghy be allowed to visit Bombay on sick leave for 2 mos. & that he be informed that after Jan. 1st his pay will be Rs 15. per mo. with his present amount of work.

That Krishnajee Bhagoba be transferred to to Ahmedz ~~be transferred~~ to teach in the Girls school.

Voted that the Theol. Class be called together about the 1st of April next if the Instructors shall think it advisable.

Bro. Harding reported in respect to the examination of the Girls school, & the report was accepted.

An invitation having been recd from the Native Union to meet with them, & confer respecting the Sustentation Fund, the Com. on that subject went in behalf of the mission -

adjd with prayer to meet Wed. morning -

Oct. 25th -

Met at 9½ A.M. & spent half an hour in devotional exercises - after which the journal of Monday was read -

The matter of lease of the Castle was brought up, & re-committed to the Com.

voted that Bhágusha Apajee be employed as teacher in the Satara District -

That Yeshawant Shivaram in the Rahuri District be dismissed from mission service for unchristian conduct -

The Com. on examination of the Mission High School reported, & the report was accepted -

In order to complete the examination of ~~the~~ candidates for the station school. the Mission took recess at 11 A.M. -

3 P.M.

voted that we approve of Bro. Winsor visiting America with his family in the early part of next year; & we approve of Bro. Bruce sending his daughter Helen in company with Bro. Winsor's family -

& that Brn E. S. Hume, Gates, & Bruce be a Com. to assist in making arrangements for the voyage.

That on the departure of Bro. Winsor the Sirur District be put in the charge of Bro. Bissell.

That a grant of Rs 15 be made to the Hospital assistant at Sirur for attendance upon the mission agents in that Dist. in their sickness.

That Manohar Gangaram be employed as teacher in the Parner Dist.

That Joseph Gundiba be transferred from the Jambgav Dist. & put under the care of ~~Br.~~ Br. Bissell

That we approve of Bro. Bruce in connection with the Bombay brethren using paper from the stock on hand in Bombay, to print leaflets &c. for evangelistic work.

The Com. appointed to confer with the "Union" reported in regard to their conference, & after discussion the following minute was adopted. - That we disapprove of native agents of the mission engaging in any secular work which will interfere with their regular duties.

That Bro. Bruce write to Mr. Elphinston informing him that no charge will be made for repairs at Green Hill-

That ex-Pastor Sonaji be stationed at Shrigonda in the Southern District-

That the following addition be made to to Res 2- on page 113. namely: "& that the same Com. consider the expediency of purchasing a piece of ground north of the Brick house, needed for out-houses-

That the Brn of the Ahmedn District be a Com. to select Students for the Nor. School. & Sta. School at Nagar-

Adjd with prayer at 5:45 to meet at the call of the Secretary -

Oct. 28th- Met at 3 P.M. - after prayer Bro. Bruce having left. Bro. Winsor was appointed to act as chairman.

Voted that the members of the mission be allowed to supplement their appropriations for schools from Govt- grant recd for their schools-

That Brn C. S. Hume. Gates. Harding. & Smith be a Com. to arrange the terms, & execute a lease of the Castle for 99 years.

That Anandrav M. Sángale be employed as Mathematical Master in the mission High School on a pay of Rs 50. per month from

June last. & that P. B. Joshi be ~~ep~~ employed as Sankrit Master on a pay of Rs 40 per mo from Nov: 82 – & Burhán Alli as Persian Master on a pay of Rs 20 per mo. from Nov: 82.

Resd. That the minutes as now read by the Secretary be approved & a copy of them be sent to the Secretary of the Board in Boston. (except those designated as not to be sent. –)

The meeting was closed with prayer –

Adjd. sine die.

Journal of the meeting of the Mission at Mahableshwar. May 3d 1883-

The mission met at Murray House May 3d 10 A.M. It devolved on Bro. Fairbank to act as Chairman. There were present at this meeting Brn. Fairbank. Bissell. Harding. Bruce. R. A. Hume. E. S. Hume. Gates. Smith. & Abbott- also Rev. J. E. Chandler of the Madura mission, who was invited to sit with us as an honorary member at this meeting. The ladies of the mission present were Mrs. Bissell. Mrs. Harding Mrs. E. S. Hume. Mrs. Gates. Mrs. Smith. Miss Fairbank. Miss Harding. also Mrs. Chandler & Miss Chandler of the Madura mission.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was deferred till after the reports of the brethren were heard- Brn Harding & Gates were appointed a Business Committee for this meeting-

Brn Bissell. E. S. Hume, & Gates were appointed a Com. to conduct the Preliminary examination of Miss Fairbank & Miss Harding.

Reports of the work in the several districts were then heard - Brn. R. A. Hume, Abbott, Bissell, E. S. Hume, Smith, Gates, & Harding gave their reports. The Bus. Com. reported recommending that the morning sessions of the mission be from 10 A. M. to 1 P. M. & the afternoon sessions from 3 to 5 P. M. & that we meet alternately at Murray House & Green Hill - this was approved -

adjd. till tomorrow morning -

P. M. The Com. appointed to conduct the Preliminary exam. of the young ladies met at 3 P. M. & held the exam. with the result that both passed in all the points - the average mark of Miss Fairbank being 8½. & that of Miss Harding 7½ on a scale of 10 -

May 4th

Met at Green Hill, 10 A. M.

A half hour was spent in devotional exercises - After the reading of the journal of yesterday, the Com. on examination of Misses F. & H. reported, the report was accepted, & the examination was declared satisfactory.

Brn. Bruce & Fairbank reported of the work in their districts, & Bro. Chandler gave a brief account of the work in the Madura mission -

The minutes of the last meeting were then read. & a business docket for this meeting was prepared.

Took recess at 1 P.M.

3 P.M. Met & considered the question of renting the Mission House at Panchgani - Voted that Bro. Bruce be authorized to rent the mission house at Panchgani for four months from June next -

The letters recd from Dr. Clark since our last meeting were read. The Treasurer also read a letter from Mr. Ward, Treasr of the American Board.

Voted, that as Bro. E. S. Hume has charge of the accounts of the Dnyc. the members of the mission pay to him the sums which they receive as subscriptions for the paper -

Voted, that the Treasr & Brn R. A. Hume & E. S. Hume be a Com. to make an arrangement if practicable with Sumant Vishnupunt to take entire charge of the business management of the Dnyanodaya -

The following minute was adopted with reference to Dr. Ballantine. -

Dr. Ballantine having communicated to the mission his purpose to visit America, we desire to express our appreciation of his generous assistance in carrying on our mission work in the Rahuri district for more than four years without any personal allowances from the mission treasury, & also in his personal services to many of our number as a physician.

After prayer, adjd. at 5 P. M. to meet Monday morning.

6th The Eng. Sermon was preached by Bro. Abbott at 11 A. M. (at Mahableshwar House) & the Mar. sermon at 4½ P. M. in the chapel by Bro. Gates.

May 7th Met in Murray House.

After the devotional services & reading of the journal of Friday, the Mar. Sermon of yesterday was criticised.

Voted, that we approve of Dr. Ballantine visiting America as he has proposed, & that the Treas. be authorized to advance him Rs800. from his unexpended personal allowances this year for the expenses of the voyage.

Resd. that we ask a special grant of Rs8000. for procuring a piece of ground & building a new bungalow with out-houses at Ahmednagar — made necessary in providing a residence for the young ladies who are to have charge of the girls school.

Voted, that on the departure of Dr. Ballantine for America, the Rahuri District be put in the charge of Bro. Fairbank.

Took recess at 1 P.M.

3 P.M.

Met & read a communication from Bro. Winsor to the mission respecting the action of the Sirur church in the case of Dhondaba Saptal & Dhanaji Saptal, also read the report of the church council which was called to investigate the case. but as the two assistants, who had been excommunicated, were restored to church fellowship; it was thought no action of the mission was necessary—

A letter was read from Rev. Mr. Blake Secy of the Mar. Pub. Com. of the Bomb.y Tract Soc. with reference to ~~the~~ printing the Sab. Sch. lessons for the last six mos of this year— (Nagar 100. Dr. F. 50. - Harding 30. Bruce 30.)

Voted that if the Sab. Sch. lessons for 1884 are not printed by the Tract Soc. Br. Bruce be requested to prepare the list as heretofore. Took up the subject of a new Theol. Class. after some discussion adjd at 5 P.M. with prayer -

May 8th Met at Murray House - spent the usual half hour in devotions - the of the previous day was read.
Voted that another Theol. Class be assembled on the 1st of June consisting of Bápuji Senaji. Tánhaji Khandoba. Sakaram Namaji. Ramaji Chándekar Parasarám Piráji. Taityá Vishram. Ratnakar Dájiba. Ramchandra Vithal. Syaji Tukaram -

Bro. Bruce reported in regard to the expense of printing our report. & mission circulars -

Voted that Bro. Abbott be appointed a member of the Fin. Com. in place of Dr. Ballantine -

That in accordance with suggestions recd from Mr. Hutchins. hereafter orders by members of the mission for goods from

America be sent to Mr. Ward through our Mission Treasurer — & that these orders be forwarded in May & November.

Voted that the Secretary be requested to make an application to Govt for license to solemnize marriages to be granted to Revd James Smith, Rev. J. E. Abbott, Revs. Bhujan Laxaman Gaikawád, Hariba Dagadobá Gaikawád, Apájí Santobá Bhosale, Ráwájí Dewají Powar, Tukárám Nathoji Dehade.

That the pay of Bábájí Shivarám be Rs 20 per mo. provided he is able to work 3 or 4 hours daily in the girls school-

Took recess at 1 P.M.

3 P.M. Met & considered the request of Sumant Vishnupant respecting the house for pastor in Bombay -

Voted, that the native Church have the use of the Pastor's house in Bombay if they wish it for their pastor, at Rs 12. per mo. - if they do not wish it that Sumant Visht be allowed to rent it at Rs 18. per mo.

Considered the question of receiving Govt grants for school buildings —

Voted, that Brn Harding, R. A. Hume, & Smith be a Com. to obtain from Govt an authoritative declaration of the meaning of the Govt rules for grants-in-aid for school buildings, & to report to the mission, & then correspond on this subject with the Secretary of the American Board.

adjd with prayer-

May 9th Met at 10 A.M. Spent a half hour in devotions - the journal of yesterday was read — Bro. Abbott reported the examination of Vithobá Náráyan. Voted that the examination of Vithobá Náráyan be approved, & that he be advanced to the 2d Grade of Preachers in our new scale.

Voted, that in our estimates for 1884 we ask Rs110 per month for Shahurao the Editor of the Dnyanodaya - [carried by 5 votes against 4]

Took recess at 1 P.M.

3:20 P.M.

Voted that Bro. Fairbank be appointed to prepare the Marathi Almanac for 1884, to be printed by the Tract Society.

Voted that Bro. Bruce be appointed to prepare our mission report for 1883-

That Bro. Harding be appointed to examine the normal School next Oct. - & Bro. R. A. Hume & Miss Hume be appointed to examine the Girls school at Nagar in the Bible & other studies omitted by the Govt Inspector.

That Brn R. A. Hume & Fairbank be a Com. to examine candidates for an advanced position in our scale for native Agents - & that any candidate for a higher grade. of otherwise satisfactory qualifications, must obtain an average mark of at least 66 in order to pass this examination; & that the examination be held annually in August.

That the annual examination of our native agents be held this year on the 1st & 2d of Aug.

That Bro. C. S. Hume have six copies of the Dnyanodaya bound for each of the years for which ~~they~~ bound volumes are wanting.

That Bro. Harding be a Com. to prepare a book of tunes for use with our Mar. Hymn books-

The Com. on a new edition of our Mar. Hymn book reported & the report was accepted.

adjd with prayer at 5¼ P.M.

May 10th Met at 10 A.M. — After the half hour of devotional exercises, & reading of the journal of yesterday, took up the subject of estimates for 1884, & continued this during the day with two hours recess from 1 to 3 P.M. Voted that we ask in supplementary estimates for '84, Rs 1256 for four more dormitories for Theol. Students on one plot of land near "Ferguson gate". Ahmednagar.

May 11th 10 A.M. —

Met as usual, spent a half hour in devotional exercises, & the journal of yesterday was read —

Voted, that Ratnakar Dajiba be employed by the mission, & allowed to enter the Theol. Class which is to be assembled in June.

That we ask in our supplementary estimates for 1884 an appropriation of Rs 250 for sending one missionary & Mr. Shahu Daji, man editor of the Dnya. as delegates to the semi-~~annual~~ centennial meeting of the Madura mission.

Continued the preparation of estimates till 1 P.M. — then took recess —

3 P.M.

Voted that the Bálbodh Mewa from next January be increased in size by one half, & that the price ~~to~~ to subscribers be doubled, (8 as.) — but to subscribers for the Dnya the price for both papers be Rs 2. 4. 0 —

Voted that Bro. R. A. Hume with the other missionaries at Ahmednagar be a com. to arrange for the meeting in Nagar next October -
That in our estimates for '84 we ask an appropriation of Rs 350 to print a new edition of our Theol. Class book - & that Brn R. A. Hume & Modak be requested to revise & prepare it for the press -
The Annals of the mission for 1882 were read & approved for recording.

Adjd at 5 P.M.

May 12th Met at 10 A.M. - spent a half hour in devotions - read the journal of yestd - Considered the several circulars ~~of~~ which have been issued since last Oct. & the form in wh. they should be recorded -

1. Circular of Dec. about reductions -

After receiving the letter containing our appropriations for 1883 in Dec. last, & learning that we were required to reduce them Rs 5310 below our estimates, a circular was sent to the members of the mission by the secretary, suggesting the amount which would fall to each district - namely -

Bombay & the Konkan Rs 922.
Ahmedn incl. Kolgav. Parner, & Jāmgao 2,107.

Rahuri 410 - Wadale 545.
Sirur 293 - Satara 557.

Sholapur 476

approved by the mission that the above sums be assigned to the different districts for the missionaries in charge to effect the reductions as best they can in accordance with the suggestions in Dr. Means' letter of Nov. 17th 82 accompanying the appropriations -

2 - Circular of Bro. Winsor of Feb. 19th 1883.

Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the sum of Rs 2550 for the expenses of the voyage of Bro. Winsor & party to England, & to advance to him £128 - for the expenses of the party in Eng. & on the Atlantic voyage. - also Rs 189 for the expenses of an ayah on the voyage to England -

3 - Circular of Bro. Smith Jan 24th 1883 -

Voted that we approve of Bro. Smith taking the Govt grant of Rs 550. for his High School building in Ahmednagar. & giving such a paper as is required by the Director of Public Instruction -

4 - Circular of Bro. E. S. Hume about building a dormitory -

Voted that the Govt grant for the dormitory having been asked & sanctioned. Bro. Hume be allowed to use it - But in view of Dr. Clark's letter of March 30th, saying that the Prud. Com. disapprove of our receiving grants on such conditions, that no further grants be asked by members of the mission until we hear further from the Prud. Com. – & that if they prefer that this grant for the Dormitory be not used, we ask a special grant of Rs 1200, to enable us to repay it to Govt., & free the house from the conditions imposed by taking the grant.

The Com. on the Bombay House reported, & as it appeared that additional expenses have been incurred, including the grading & metaling of a road in the compound, the Com. were instructed to examine & close up the accounts as soon as possible & report to Mr. Ward – & to ask of the Prud. Com. permission to take from the avails of the old bungalow such a sum as may be needed to meet the additional expense.

adjd with prayer at 1:25 P. M.

To meet next Mond. morning –

Monday May 14th { Met at the usual hour – spent a half hour in devotional exercises, & read the journal of Saturday - [The sacrament of the Lord's supper was celebrated yesterday, the mission meeting at the house of Mr. Gordon, & uniting with other christians at the station]

Listened to a statement ~~from~~ by Bro. Smith respecting his interview with the Hon. C. Gonne, Secretary to the Bombay Government, in regard to grants-in-aid for school buildings.

Voted, that Tátya Shivarám, teacher at Satara, be transferred to Sholapur.

Voted that we ask in Supplementary estimates for 1884, Rs 250 to enable us to insure the valuable buildings of the Board in Bombay, & the other stations - also Rs 225 for painting the iron roofs of our Mission bungalows -

That Bro. Bissell be appointed to preach the Eng. sermon, & Bro. Harding the Marathi sermon at our next meeting.

~~After prayer by the chairman~~

~~adjourned~~ The summary of the estimates was then read, & it was

Resd - That the accompanying estimates for 1884 amounting to Rs ~~82,950~~ 87,544 & Supplementary estimates for Rs 1,981, total Rs ~~84,931~~ 83,525 be approved -

After the reading of the minutes by the Secretary, Resd - That the above minutes be approved & a copy of them be sent to the Secretary of the Board in Boston - {after prayer by the chairman adjd sine die - L. Bissell, Sec.

Journal of the Meeting of the Mission at Ahmednagar. October 17. 1883.

The Mission met at Bro. R. A. Hume's at 10 A.M. Present Brn. Fairbank Bissell, Harding Bruce, R. A. Hume, Gates, Smith and Abbott. It devolved on Bro. Gates to act as chairman. The session was opened with devotional exercises and the minutes of the last meeting were read. The Brethren then made reports of the work in their respective districts since our last meeting. The missionaries at Ahmednagar (R. A. Hume, L. Bissell and J. Smith) were appointed a business committee for this meeting. Voted that we meet with the native Brethren in the morning prayer meeting instead of meeting by ourselves. A telegram having been received from the Ind. Witness, Calcutta, Bro. R. A. Hume was appointed to send an account of our meeting this month to the Indian Witness.

Took recess until 3 P.M.

3 P.M. Met and made out a business docket. Heard the report of the Committee for Exam. of candidates for a higher grade: voted that Náráyan Báláji Thorát having passed the required examination (with a mark of 665/7) he be advanced to the second grade of Preachers.

After some further discussion the mission adjourned with prayer at 4 P.M. to attended the exhibition of the mission High School.

18th Oct. Met at 10 A.M. E. S. Hume was present in addition to those here yesterday. After prayer and reading of the journal of yesterday, letters from the Secretary of the Board were read, and also Correspondence with the Bishop and S.P.G. missionaries. Read a letter from Rev. Mr. Grier Sect. of the Bombay Tract Society with reference to aid in their work. Voted that the Secretary write to Mr. Grier expressing our cordial sympathy with the plan proposed in his letter and informing him that we will write to our Home Board or the Amer. Tract Society and endeavor to secure a grant for the Bombay Tract Society to help them in carrying out their plan. Also, that Bro. Bruce be appointed to write to the Amer. Tract Society asking a grant next year for the publication of the Mar. Bible Dictionary being prepared by himself and Rev. Kasam Mahomad.

Considered the proposal of Mr. Blake to start a Monthly Mar. Magazine with Sunday reading for our Native Christians.
Took recess at 1 P.M.

Met at 3 P.M. Considered the question of insuring our Mission property.
Voted that the Treasurer of the mission be instructed to insure mission house for Rs 20000 and chapel for Rs 5000. in Bombay, the 2nd Bungalow at Sholapur for Rs 2000. After some further discussion adjourned at 4 1/2 P.M. to attend the Exhibition of the Girls School.

October 19th. Met at 10 1/4 A.M. after prayer and the reading of the journal of yesterday; Voted to reconsider the vote of yesterday and insure the mission house in Bombay for Rs. 15000 instead of Rs. 20000.

Voted that the Secretary correspond with the Secy. of the Board with the view of obtaining a suitable man to take charge of the Scientific Department of the Mission High School at Ahmednagar.
– That we represent to the Prud. Com. the urgent need of another missionary to

take charge of a part of the Godavery valley; in which a few years ago we had three resident missionaries and have now but one.

A petition of Munshi Tatanath for increase of pay was presented and the expression of opinion was given that it is not expedient to increase his pay.

Voted — that we approve of the brethren at Sholapur allowing Prabhakar, Medical catechist, in addition to his salary such per-centage of his fees as seem proper to them; also that we approve of his being allowed half the expense of his journey to Bombay from the receipts of the dispensary.

Took recess at 1 P.M.

October 19th 3 P.M. Met and read a petition from Bâlâji Contractor to be allowed to occupy a part of the new premises.

Voted — that Bâlâji Mnaji be informed by the Secretary that the Mission give him notice to vacate the part of the new premises occupied by him within one

year from Nov. 1st /83.
Voted that we approve of Bro. Harding employing Lax. Ra. Makatkar from private funds, as teacher at Barsi on trial for one year. Discussed several questions on which it was tho't no action was needed. A statement was made by Bro. E. S. Hume about Miss Grayfiel and the possibility of her being employed in connection with our mission in Bombay. But no action was taken.
Adjourned at 5 P. M. with prayer.

Oct. 20th Met at 10 P. M. – after prayer and reading of the journal, considered the question of the Balbodh Mitra and the new magazine purposed by the Tract Society; voted that Bros. Harding, R. A. Hume, E. S. Hume and Abbott be a committee to consider and report to the mission on the above subject.
After considering the circular of Sept. in regard to the new bungalow at Nagar, voted that the Committee be authorized to go forward with the work of the house in accordance with the plan presented; "keeping rigidly within the sum total" allowed for this purpose. Rs. 8000.

Voted, that the Brethren who have charge of houses that have fallen in the excessive rains, be allowed to repair or rebuild those which are indispensably needed, carrying the excess of expense above this years allowances into the accounts of 1884.

Voted, - that the Municipality of Bombay having given notice that the gully back of our chapel in that city must be repaired, Bro. E. S. Hume be authorized to have the work done, and to charge the expense in his account.

Voted, that the Prudential Committee be requested to allow the sum of Rs. 866.12 overcharged in Bro. E. S. Hume's accounts for the Dny^{a} in 1882; of which Rs. 600 were the amount of reduction for the year and about which Bro. Hume wrote to Dr. Clark in the beginning of 1882; and which he supposed had been restored in connection with the restoration of his other reductions; hence no further action was taken in regard to that item by the mission. How this deficiency occurred Bro. E. S. Hume has explained in a letter to Dr. Clark sent last July.

Voted, that any unexpended balance of appropriations for printing this year be used to meet the excess of expense in publishing the Dny^{a}.

Voted, that we purchase fifty copies of the Bible Dictionary to be published by the Bombay Tract Society.

Voted that from the commencement of the next school year in November the Girls school at Ahmednagar be placed in charge of Miss Fairbank and Miss Harding.

The following minute was adopted: That in arranging to transfer the charge of the Girls School at Ahmed^{n} to other hands, the mission desires to record its high appreciation of Mrs. Bissell's very efficient administration during the eight years previous to her visit to America, and for the last three and a half years and also of the very satisfactory state of the School as it leaves her hands.

Voted that Bro. Harding be appointed a delegate of this mission to the Semi centennial of the Madura Mission (provided we receive an appropriation for this purpose); also that any other members of the mission desiring it, be allowed to attend the Madura semi centennial if they can do so without exceeding their travelling allowance for the year.

Met at 3 P. M. Listened to the report of the examinations of the Normal School by Bro. Harding; also of the Theological Seminary by the Committee Brn. Harding and Abbott; and of the Girls School by Bro. R. A. Hume and Miss Hume.

These reports were accepted.

Voted; that the smaller tents at Bhuinj be made over to the Sholapur Station.

Voted; that the pay of the house guards at Mahableshwar be increased from Rs. 7 to Rs. 8. per month.

Voted; that we ask of the Prud. Committee a grant of Rs. 1150 in 1884 for rebuilding the preaching place on the corner of the old Mission premises at Byculla.

Voted; that the Brn in Bombay with the Treasurer be authorized to sell the old Press buildings in Byculla for Rs. 30000 making the best provision possible against annoyance in the chapel adjacent and that we request the Prud. Committee to allow this sum to be deposited in the bank to be used in building a new chapel in Bombay whenever a suitable site can be obtained. This being in accordance with instructions received from the Prud. Committee six years ago. *Also*, that the price of the chapel be fixed at Rs. 20000 to the same purchaser (more if possible) with the understanding that if we wish to dispose of it at any time during the next five years, we shall purchase it at that price.

After prayer, adjourned at 5 P.M.

The Marathi sermon was preached by Bro. Harding, Sabbath afternoon, and the Eng. sermon by Bro. Bissell in the evening of the same day.

Oct. 22nd Met at 10 A.M. after prayer and reading of the journal of Saturday.

Voted: that the maps sent out by the Amer. Tract Society for use in the Bible Text-book, be made over to Bro. Bruce for use in the Bible Dictionary.

The Mar. sermon preached by Bro. Harding Sab. afternoon was criticized by the brethren.

Voted: that Bro. Fairbank be appointed

to conduct the examination of boys from the village schools, assisted by other members of the Mission.

Voted: that Bro. E. S. Hume be allowed to use any surplus of Gov.t grant-in-aid received for the Bombay School this year to meet the deficiency in last year's allowances for his School. The Committee on Gov.t Grants in aid &c (see Res. 5 of last May minutes) reported and the report was accepted, and the letter prepared by the Committee to send to Dr. Clark was approved by the Mission.

Took recess at 1:10 P.M.

Met at 3 P.M.

The matter of location of members of the Theol. Class and employment of new men was taken up.

Voted; that Vanaji Lax. of Satara be transfered (without his allowances) to Sholapur.
That Joseph Sadoba be employed as teacher in the Southern District under Bro. Bissell.
Anand Balaji Mate at Satara; and
Hanamant Yatiba at 〃;
Bhau Bapuji teacher at Jambgav.
Nana Santoba 〃 〃 Parner.
Ramaya Naglu 〃 in the Jaintgau District.

That Rājārām Limaji teacher at Parner be dismissed, he having failed in his work there.

The following assignment was made of houses at the Health station for the next hot season.

Murray House to Bro. Harding, & the young ladies.
Grace Cottage to Bro. Bruce.
Green Hill South to Bro. E. S. Hume.
Green Hill North to Bro. Gates.
Panch-gani.

That any member of the mission be allowed two weeks absence to attend the Calcutta Exhibition at his own charges.

That the Prudential Committee be asked for a special grant of Rs. 4000 to enable us to provide increased accommodations for the Mission High School at Ahmednagar, with the understanding that if our recommendation in Res. 10 is approved by the Prud. Committee a similar grant will be rec^d from the Bombay Government, and that the brethren at Ahmednagar be a Committee to secure plans and carry out the arrangement.

Oct. 23rd Met at 10 A. M. Opened with prayer

and read the journal of yesterday.
Listened to the report of the Committee on the Tract Society's new Magazine and the report was accepted.
Voted; that Bro. R. A. Hume be requested to write to Mr. Blake expressing in an informal way the voice of the Mission in regard to starting the new magazine.
That the Bālbodh Mewā be increased to 16 pages (instead of twelve pages as voted at our last meeting) from the first of January 1884; and that the price to subscribers be 12 ans. per year; and to subscribers to the Dny^{a} 6 annas per year.
Voted; That we approve of I-mam Baksh being employed during the coming cold season in the Lalatpur District N.W.P.; and that Bro. E. S. Hume be allowed to visit the district and organize the work as shall seem advisable.
Voted; that Bro. Bruce and Gates be continued as Committee to select subjects and prepare questions for the examination of our native agents next year.
Voted; that for the coming vacation the members of the Theol. Classes return

to their work in the several districts;
Voted that Bros R. A. Hume and Harding be a committee to prepare minutes in regard to the Indore missionaries.
That Bro. Abbott be requested to prepare an account of our Oct. meetings for the Bombay Guardian.
Bro. Bruce reported in regard to repairs of the Mahableshwar houses.
Voted; that the brethren at Ahmedn be a Committee to select students for the Normal School for the coming year.
The following officers were elected for the coming year.

Secretary and Annalist.--- Bro. Bissell.
Treasurer. .... Bro. Gates.
Fin. Committee.-- Bros Gates, Harding & Abbott.
Editor of Dnya ----- Bro. R. A. Hume
Mar. Editor of Dnya -- Shahurao.
Editress of Balbodh Mewa -- Mrs. E. S. Hume.

That Bro. Bruce be appointed to preach the English sermon and Bro. E. S. Hume the Marathi sermon at our next meeting.
1 P.M. adjourned with prayer to meet at the call of the chairman.

Oct. 29th Met at 9 30 A.M. at the call of the chairman; after prayer ~~meeting~~ & reading of the journal.

x Voted; that the name of Anand Balaji be transferred to the list of new employes in the Jambgai District.

31. Voted; that the Trustees of the mission be allowed to charge in their accounts the expenses incurred in the transfer of Mission property.

32 Voted; that Br. E. S. Hume be re-elected a Trustee of the Theol. Sem'y. for five years.

36. The Committee appointed to prepare a minute on the Indore Mission, reported that having received a telegram from Mr. Wilkie saying that their difficulty seemed in a way to be adjusted any action on our part is deferred, and may be wholly unnecessary.

33. Voted; that we approve of the Brn. at Nagar securing the strip of land East of our new premises if it can be obtained on reasonable terms.

34. Voted; that if the Brn. at Nagar see reason to transfer the Mission High School to the new premises, they be authorized to take such preliminary steps as are necessary to carry out this arrangement.

x That the name of Bhau Bapuji be placed on the list of helpers in the Parner District.

Voted that the minutes as now read by the Secretary be approved and a copy of them be sent to the Secretary of the Board in Boston (except those marked). Adjourned "sine die" with prayer.

L. Bissell Sec.

Journal of the Meeting of the Mission at Mahableshwar. May 7th 1884.

The Mission met in Murray House at 10 A. M. There were present at this meeting Brn Fairbank. Bissell. Harding. Bruce. R. A. Hume. E. S. Hume. Smith. & Abbott. (Bro. Gates & family being at the Pulney Hills) — Also. Mrs. Bruce. Mrs. Harding. Mrs. E. S. Hume. Miss Fairbank. & Miss Harding. It devolved on Bro. Harding to act as Chairman - ~~The minut~~

After religious services for half an hour. the minutes of the last meeting were read. & Brn Bruce & R. A. Hume were appointed a Business committee for this meeting -

Brn Bissell. Bruce. & E. S. Hume were appointed a Committee to conduct the final examination in Marathi of Miss Fairbank & Miss Harding.

The brethren commenced to make reports of the work in their respective Districts since our last meeting - six reports were heard - The Business Com. reported recommending that our morning sessions be held from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. — & the afternoon sessions from 3. to 5 P.M. — & that the examination of Miss Fairbank & Miss Harding take place this afternoon. These recommendations were approved.

Voted that Rev. J. M. Goheen of the Pres. Mission, Kolapur, & J. S. Haig Esqr of the C. V. E. Soc. being resident at the station, they be invited to sit with us in our meetings.

adj^d with prayer at 1½ P.M.

May 8th Met at 10 A.M. Present the same persons as yesterday, and also the Rev. J. M. Goheen. A half hour was spent in devotional exercises. After the reading of the journal of yesterday Bro. Smith and Abbott gave reports of their work since our last meeting. The Com. to conduct the examination in Marathi, reported that they held the examination of Miss Fairbank and Miss Harding yesterday P.M., and that the young ladies passed in all the points required. (Miss F. met an average mark of 8¼ and Miss H. of 7 on our scale of 10). The report was accepted and the examination was declared satisfactory.

The letters rec'd from Dr. Clark since our last meeting were read and points in them noted for consideration.

A business docket was prepared and the mission took recess at 45 min. P.M.

P.M. Met at 3¼ P.M. Brn. R. A. Hume and Bruce were appointed a Committee to report a plan for meeting the reductions required this year under the heads of Printing and Bible Readers. Some discussion followed with reference to our rule for the examination of miss'ies.

Bro. E. S. Hume reported in regard to the sale of the old press buildings at Byculla.

Voted: that Silas Gangaji teacher at Rui be dismissed from mission service for inefficiency and conduct which has destroyed our confidence in him.

Voted: that the Secretary of the Mission write to the Rev. Mr. Wilkie of the Canadian Pres. Mission, Indore, assuring him of our hearty sympathy and of our earnest wish in concert with other missionary bodies to take any action which may help him in his present difficulties with Holkar's Govt. But that the Calcutta Miss'y Conference having already moved in the matter, we think it best to await the result of their action before any further steps are taken.

May 9th Met as usual at 10 A.M. After the half hour of devotions, journal of yesterday was read.

Voted; in view of Dr. Clark's letter of Apr. 1st /84. and Bro. Winsor's letter of Apr. 2nd in regard to his return to India that if Bro. Winsor arrive in India before our Oct. Meeting he be stationed at Sirur.

That Mr. Arthur S. Bissell on his arrival in India be stationed at Ahmednagar till our Oct. Meeting.

Voted; that the new iron-roof bungalow at Ahmednagar when ready for occupation, be assigned to Bro. R. A. Hume and the "Mission House" now occupied by him be assigned to the young ladies in charge of the Girls' School.

After discussion of the question of reductions. Voted; that each member of the Mission prepare a copy of his estimates for /85 on the reduced scale (about $7\frac{1}{3}$ ~~$4\frac{1}{2}$~~ % less than the estimates for /84.)

Voted; that the Secretary be requested to send Dr. Clark the statistics of our schools and a letter twice a year giving some account of the schools ~~twice a year~~, in accordance with his request in his letter of Nov. 17/83.

Bro. Bruce reported in regard to the mission report recently prepared by him and it was voted that he be allowed to charge in his account the excess of expense (Rs 30.) for printing this report. Also that Bro. Bruce be appointed to prepare our report for 1884.

Took recess at 1 P.M.

Met at 3 P.M.

The Com. on reductions for current year reported; the report was accepted and the recommendations made in it were adopted. The distribution of the reduction on Bible Readers in the Deccan Districts was made as follows.

Ahmednagar.	L. B.	90.
	R. H. H.	95.
	and J. S.	
Sholapur.	- - - - - - - -	50.
Satara	- - - - - - -	100
Sirur	- - - - - - - -	35
Wadale	- - - - - - - -	95
Rahuri	- - - - - - - -	85.

Reduction on Books & printing as follows:

Theo. Class Book. - - -	350
Books for Theo. Sem. - - -	15
" " Ahmednagar.	35
" " Sirur - —	25
" " Satara - —	15
" " Sholapur. —	10
	450

Voted that Bro. R. A. Hume and Smith be a Com. of the mission to act with

J. S. Haig Esq. of the C. V. E. Society and others. to endeavor to secure from Gov't, a modification of their rules for grants-in-aid so that a school with an average of ten pupils in attendance may receive a grant and that girls schools coming under the same rules may receive double that amount given to boys school. Adjourned at 4 15 P.M.

May 10th Met at 10 A.M. After the devotional exercises the journal of the previous day was read.

Voted; that Bro. Bruce be allowed to use the appropriations of Rs. 225 for painting the iron roofs, for making other more urgent repairs at Maha Baleshwar.

Voted; that the "Regulations" of the Mission in regard to the exam. of miss'ies be amended, by omitting on the last page from the words "If the candidate" -- to the end of the paragraph V. and substitute the words, - and the Prudential Committee shall be informed of the results of the examination.

Voted; that Bro. Bissell & Smith be a com., to consider and suggest, if it seem advisable, other changes in the "Regulations" of the Mission in regard to ~~the~~ examination of missionaries.

That Col. Jacob be invited to assist

in the Examination of Bro. Abbott in Marathi: and that Bros. Harding and R. A. Hume with Col. Jacob, (if he consent) be a Com. to conduct the Exam.

Voted; that the Secretary write to the American Tract Society conveying the thanks of the mission for 109 Electrotype plates donated to the mission, and to the Religious Tract Society of London for 24 reams of double crown paper furnished at half price.

The Annals of the mission, as prepared by the Secretary, were read & approved by the mission for recording.

Voted; that from the 1st of July next P. B. Keskar Med. Catechist at Sholapur be allowed to take his fees in addition to his present allowance; and it is hoped that his fees will so increase that the allowance from the mission can be gradually given up and he will still receive the income which he has asked; also that he be allowed Rs. 10 for the expense of his journey to Bombay last year.

Adjd. at 1 P. M. till Monday morning.

May 12th Met at 10 A. M. The half hour of devotions was held, and the journal of Saturday was read. The Marathi sermon of yesterday preached by Bro. E. S. Hume was criticized and requests were presented from some of our native agents for an increase of pay. Also read a letter from Bro. Gates.

Voted; that the item of of Rs. 866.12.0 referred to in Res. 12 of our last October meeting, be included in our contingent estimates for 1885.

That Bro. E. S. Hume be allowed to use the Pastor's house in Bombay for the rest of this year, for the girls of the school.

Voted. That the book entitled "Family Friend" published by the mission, be offered to the Bombay Tract Soc. for printing another edition. Took recess at 1 P.M.

3 P.M. Met as usual. Voted; that the two Theo. Classes be called together for another term of study, commencing on the 5th of June. Voted; that Bro. Smith be allowed to increase the pay of H. M. Sangale, Teacher in the High School, to Rs. 60 per mo. next year, to be paid out of the receipts of the school.

Adjourned with prayer at 5 P.M.

May 13. Met at the usual hour. After the half hour of devotions & reading of the journal of yesterday, listened to the report of the Com. for the Examination of Bro. Abbott in Marathi. The Com. reported that he passed in all the points required; (with an average mark of 8 1/2 on our scale of 10.) The report was accepted and the Examination was declared satisfactory.

Voted: that we ask a special grant of Rs. 500 to be provided for in this years appropri-

-ations: as an allowance for the services of Miss Graybiel for several months in Bombay. [with explanations. J. E. A. Rs. 300 conveyance. R. A. H. 150 Tours. &c.)
That the Sec. write a note to Miss Graybiel expressing our high sense of the value of her services and the very timely help she has rendered to our work, during her stay in Bombay. The brethren in charge of the several districts made statements as to ~~the way~~ in which they propose to reduce their regular estimates ~~1½~~ 7½ per. cent. as required by the Prud. Com. Took recess at 45 m. P.M.

3 P.M. Met as usual. Reviewed the action taken by circulars since our last meeting. Cir. of Bro. Smith in Feb.; that we approve of Mrs. Smith visiting America on account of her health, and that the Treas. be authorized to pay Rs. 550 the cost of her passage from Bombay to New York.
Voted;- that Bro. Smith be allowed to charge his regular allowances as a married missionary, he providing for the expenses of Mrs. Smith during her absence in America. (subject to the approval of the Prud. Com.) That the Sec.y correspond with the Rev. Mr. Wherry of the Pres. Mission Ludhiana with reference to the return of Johowāth, Hindustanee Preacher to his mission. That the Sec. write to Imam Baks. on the subject of increased pay.

approved by circular of Bro. E. S. Hume March 14/84. That we approve of Bro. E.S. Hume drawing a gov't grant-in-aid of Rs. 2.817 for the building & furniture of the day school under his care. Also that we approve of his drawing an additional Rs. 1250 for the Boys' Dormitory which cost twice as much as the first estimates.

Approved by circular Feb. 19/84. That we approved of Bro. Gates & family spending the hot season on the Pulney Hills, using his allowances for health-changes this year & that Bro. Harding assist in the work of the Treasurer during the absence of Bro. Gates. Bro. R. A. Hume having explained to the mission a plan for providing at Ahmednagar a "Home" for destitute women who are interested in Christian truth, to be under the care of Miss Hume, & to be supported from private funds at first; the mission expressed their approval of the plan.

Adjourned at 5 P.M.

May 14th Met at 10 A.M. After the devotional exercises & reading the journal of yesterday; voted — that we approve of Bro. Smith asking a grant of Rs 50 from the Amer. Bible Society to supply Scriptures and parts of Scripture in English and the vernaculars for distribution in Ahmednagar & the vicinity. Took up the subject of estimates & continued its consideration till the time for recess. Took recess at 1 P.M.

3 P.M. Continued the consideration of estimates. Voted that we ask for books Theo. Library Rs. 50.

Books for	Nagar Rs.	200
"	" Sirur	25
"	" Satara	35
"	" Sholapur	50
"	" Bombay	25
		335

Voted that Bro. R. A. Hume be allowed to pay a sum not exceeding Rs. 50 to Maruteran (from allowance in hand) to help him in meeting the expense of medicines & medical attendance &c in his severe illness; also that Bro. Bissell be allowed to pay Rs 50 to Modak if the sum can be provided from the allowances for this year. That hereafter in connection with the reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting, the letter of the Sec. accompanying the minutes also be read.

Adj. at 5 P.M. (till Friday morning)

May 16th Met at 10 A.M. After the half hour of devotions & reading the journal of Wednesday a letter from the Rev. Mr. Rea was read & discussed in regard to the work of the Salvation Army in Ahmedabad & Borsad with special reference

& the bearing of this course upon our work. Voted;- that in contingent estimates we ask an allowance of Rs. 200 for Bro. E. S. H. to meet the expense of entertaining travellers at the Mission House in Bombay. That Bro. R. A. Hume have charge of the Jambgaon District from the first of this year. That Bro. R. A. Hume & Abbott be a com. to write to the Sec. of the British and Foreign Bible Soc. and Am. Bib. Soc. inquiring what words in the original languages of the Bible they have found it necessary to transfer into other languages, when translations have been made. Took recess at 1 P.M.

Met at 3 P.M. Voted;- that Bro. R. A. Hume be a com. to prepare a translation of the new Cong. Creed in Marathi.

The Com. on changes in the Constitution reported, & several changes were adopted. Voted;- that the appropriation of Rs. 10 per mo. for the School at Miraggaon be allowed for this year. Adjd at 5 P.M.

May 17th. Met as usual and a half hour was spent in devotions. The journal of yesterday was read. Then listened to an account of the Madura Semi-centennial by Bro. Harding. Voted;- that Bro. E. S. Hume be permitted to overdraw his allowances Rs. 500 in his account closing

June 30th. Voted;- that Shahurao be informed that on account of reductions required by the Prud. Com. the additional Rs. 10 of his allowance cannot be paid after the 1st of July next. Voted;- that we ask the Prud. Com. to grant Rs. 90 of the Rs. 500 cut from our printing estimate this year to meet the additional expenses of the Balbodh Mewa. Voted;- that the allowance of Shahurao Rs. 100 per mo. be asked under two heads. namely, Rs. 25 under the head of preachers and Rs. 75 as Editor of the Dnyan. Voted;- that in view of the present and prospective need of more laborers in Bombay we approve of Bro. E. S. Hume writing to Dr. Clark with reference to sending out a married missionary or two ladies to that station. Listened to the report of the Com. on the new Bungalow & premises at Byculla. Adj. at 1 P.M. till Monday morning.

May 19th Met and spent the usual half hour in devotions. Read the journal of Saturday. Voted;- that in view of the necessities of Bro. E. S. Hume's family we ask the Prud. Com. for a special grant of Rs. 300 for medical attendance this year. After listening to a statement of the Com. on the Bombay house and discussion of other matters, adj^{d}. till Wed. morning.

May 21st. Met at 10 A.M. Spent an half hour in devotions, read the journal of Monday. Voted:- that the Sec^{y}. transfer certain items read by him amounting to Rs. 2651 from Contingent to Regular Estimates. Voted;- that hereafter the accounts of the Dnya^{n} and Balbodh Mewa be rendered separately from the other mission accounts by ~~the~~ persons in charge of those papers. Voted;- that the B^{rn} at Ahmednagar be a Com. (Bro. R. A. Hume chairman) to make arrangements for our annual meeting next October. That we ask in contingent estimates Rs 200 for building a reservoir in the yard of the new bungalow. That Bro. Bruce and his wife be a Com. to examine the Girls School and High School at Ahmednagar next October in the subjects omitted by the Gov^{t}. Examiners. Listened to a report on the new bungalow at Byculla by Bro. Fairbank. Voted, ~~that~~ Bro. Fairbank send the Prud. Committee a history of the grants and expenses

in connection with the purchase of the premises and the erection of the Byculla house, school house &c. and that the Prud. Com. be asked to sanction whatever part of these items ~~which~~ items have not been covered by previous grant. That Bro. Fairbank be appointed to preach the Eng. Sermon and Bro. R. A. Hume to preach the Mar. sermon at our next meeting. That our native agents be examined on the 30th & 31st of July next in the subject assigned them.
That the accompanying estimates for 1885 amounting to Rs 75.743 and the contingent estimates amounting to Rs 6,265.12.0 be approved. Also that we send the accompanying supplementary estimates amounting to Rs 7,316. for Bro. Windsor and Arthur D. Bissell in 1885.

Resolved; that the above minutes be approved and a copy of them be sent to the Sec. of the Board in Boston. Adj. with prayer. sine die.

L. Bissell
Sec.

Journal of Mission Meeting.

The mission met at the "Mission House", Ahmednagar, at 10 A. M. Oct. 15th. _ There were present this morning Brn Fairbank, L. Bissell, Harding, Bruce, R. A. Hume, E. S. Hume, Gates, Smith, (Abbott) & A. D. Bissell (arrived in Bombay Aug 20th) also Mrs. L. Bissell, Mrs. Harding, Mrs. E. S. Hume, Mrs. Gates, Mrs. A. D. Bissell Miss Hume, Miss Fairbank, Miss Harding. It devolved on Bro. E. S. Hume to act as chairman - After the reading of the minutes of our last meeting & the letter of the secretary accompanying the minutes, Reports were made by the brethren & sisters of the work in their respective districts since our last meeting. Brn R. A. Hume & L. Bissell were appointed a Business

committee for this meeting. –
Took recess at 1 o'clock.

3 P.M.

Voted that we meet at 9½ A.M. with the Native Church in the morning prayer meeting, & have our morning session for business from 10 A.M. to 30m P.M. – & the afternoon session from 3 to 5 o'c. – That the Mar. Sermon be preached Sabbath P.M. 19th inst. & the Eng. Sermon in the evening of the same day, in the Lecture Hall –

Letters rec'd from Dr. Clark since our last meeting were read –

Voted that the brethren at Ahmednagar be authorized to sell the school house in Anandi bazar for Rs 485, & that this sum with Rs 75, transferred from the "ordinary expenses" of the Wadále Dist. be used for putting an iron roof over the central part & for making ~~of the mission~~ other necessary repairs of the "Mission House" at Nagar.

That we approve of Sáwalyaram Sálave accepting the call to become pastor of the church at Párner. after the 1st of January next - & that the other members of the two Theol. Classes return to their former work in the respective districts.

Adjd with prayer at 5 P.M.

16th Oct.

Met at 9½ A.M. after the moring prayer meeting in the chapel.

Bro. Abbott was present (in addition to those named yesterday) & reported in regard to the work in his district.

Bro. Bruce reported in regard to the examination of the Girls School at Nagar.

Voted that the report be accepted & that we express our gratification at the high state of efficiency of the school.

A letter was read from Mrs. Fraser Tytler, widow of a former Collector of Ahmednagar, enclosing £10. as a donation to the mission.

Voted that Bro. Winsor on his return to India be stationed at Sirur -

That Bro. A. D. Bissell be stationed at Ahmd:

until our May meeting -

That Brn Harding & Abbott be a com. to prepare a list of subjects & questions for the examination of our native agents next year.

That the Com. appointed in Res 20. of our May minutes be continued for the purpose of securing the modification of grant-in-aid rules there suggested. & such other modifications as may seem desirable.

Voted. That the mission disapproves in general of supporting boys in the Mission High School at Nagar, while they are studying under the standards taught in the C. V. E. Soc. Normal School -

Took recess at 45m. P.M.

Met at 3 P.M.

Voted that Brn Bruce, Gates, & Smith be a com. to obtain legal advice in reference to the transfer of mission property in the Deccan, which is held by an annual rent ~~from~~ paid to Government -

Voted. that the transfer deeds conveying the property of the Board to Trustees appointed by the mission, when secured & registered.

be placed in the charge of the Treasurer of the mission; & that the mission safe now in Bombay be sent to the Treasurer.

adjd with prayer at 4 P.M. to attend the exhibition of the Girls School—

May 17th— Met at 10 P.M. at the close of the morning prayer meeting— after prayer, Voted, that Bro. Harding be appointed to prepare an account of our annual meeting for the Bombay Guardian—

Bro. Bruce ditto for the Indian Witness.
Bro. R. A. Hume do for the Bombay Gazette.
Bro. Abbott do for the Times of India.

Bro Bruce reported in regard to the MS. of the Mar. Bible Dictionary—

Voted, that Bro Bruce be allowed to use a part of the rent of the Panchgani house for putting on a tiled roof in place of the chappar of the west veranda of the mission bungalow at Satara.

That we approve of Bhau Nabaji being employed in the Satara District—

That Yeshawant Ramji of Wade be dismissed from mission service for inefficiency & dishonesty— That Yeshawant Sakaram Gaik. be employed as teacher in the Rahuri Dist.

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That Anand Mahipatrav be employed as teacher in the Kolgao District-

Took recess at 30m P.m.

3 P.M.

Some time was spent in remarks upon this years report - & a new edition of the Theol. Class Book.

Voted that the name of Bro. R. A. Hume be added to the Com. appointed in Res. 12. of the minutes of Oct. 1882 to secure a Book & Tract Depot at Ahmednagar-

Voted. that the exam. of the Mission High Sch. at Ahmed- having been deferred till Jany next. & consequently the Gov't grant will not be recd this year; Bro. Smith be allowed to overdraw ~~his~~ Rs 500 in his acct. at the close of the year, it being expected that he will refund this sum soon after the examination of his school-

adjd with prayer at 4½ P.M.

Oct. 18th After prayer & reading of the journal of yesterday. Bro. Bruce reported in regard to the examination of the Mission High School in their scripture studies, the report was accepted-

Voted that the owner of the ("Castle") premises of the Mission High school having offered to sell these premises to the mission for Rs 20.000, this fact be reported to the Prudential Com. with the opinion of the mission that this is a favorable opportunity for securing these premises for the permanent use of the mission — & that we think Govt. would grant half this (Rs10.000) sum, & we recommend that the purchase be made if the Prud. Com. have the remaining Rs10.000 to appropriate for this purpose —

The report of the Com. to obtain legal advise was heard, & accepted.

Voted that the Bro. at Nagar be a Com. to select boys for the Nor. School next year, & that the same Com. Bro. Fairbank chairman, arrange for the exam. of candidates for the Nagar Sta. School on the 21st & 22d inst.

That Bro. Harding be allowed to use the receipts of the Dispensary to provide an additional room for P. B. Kerkar, Medical Catechist at Sholapur —

That Rev. Rawaji Powar having requested to be allowed to remove to Nagar, on acct. of his wife's poor health, he be informed that the mission much prefer that he should remain at Jambgav, but if he removes to Nagar his allowance will be Rs10. per month —

adj'd with prayer till
10 o'c Monday morning —

Oct. 20th 1884

Met at 9:45 A.M. — After prayer & reading of the journal,

Voted. that the Girls School at Nagar be more distinctly divided into two departments. The Girls School to include those who have passed the 1st Vernacular Standard — & the Primary School to include those who have not yet passed the 1st Ver. Standard —

Considered the circular of the Bishop of Bombay in regard to the need of an expurgated edition of Govt. Sch. books. & Bro. Abbott was appointed to report on the subject at this meeting —

Voted. that we offer any duplicates of publications of the mission which may be in our possession to the Bombay Tract Society —

That Br. L. Bissell be appointed Depositary of the mission at Ahmednagar, & be instructed to collect & preserve the books of the mission, providing a book-case if needed —

That Joseph Sadoba be allowed Rs 4. per mo to study in the mission High School the coming year. on conditions similar to those of boys in the Normal School.

That we approve of employing Mr. G. C. Lee native teacher from Ceylon in the Mission

High School on a pay of Rs 25 per month from Sept. 1st for the first six months, & Rs 30 per mo. the next six mos. - & an allowance of Rs 30 for traveling expenses from Ceylon -

That Premanand Raghoba be employed as teacher at Shol. under the care of Bro. Gates.

That the following assignment of houses be made for the hot season of 1885.

The Panchgani houses to Bro. Harding & the young ladies.

Green Hill South to Bro. E. S. Hume.

Green Hill North to Bro. R. A. Hume.

Murray House to Bro. Gates & A. D. Bissell

Grace Cottage to Bro. Bruce & L. Bissell

Took recess at 2 P.M.

3 P.M. Voted that we approve of a charge being made ~~of~~ for books to each pupil in the girls school of about 6 ans. per year -

That Narayan Chokoba be employed as teacher in the Satara Dist -

Rámu Námaji in the Párner Dist -

That the yearly interest of the Fund for "Catechist School" be paid to the Treasurer of the Theol. Seminary to be used for the current expenses of the Seminary -

That Bro. Smith be allowed to take a change to the Pulney Hills from April to July 1st, of next year, if it shall seem expedient for him to go -

That Bro. Gates be appointed to preach the Eng. sermon at our next meeting, & Bro. Smith the Marathi sermon -

That the following be the officers of the mission for next year -

Secretary & Annalist. Bro. Bissell
Treasurer - Bro. Gates.
Financial Committee. Brs Gates, Harding & Abbott -
Editors of the Dny. Bro R. A. Hume & Shahurao Daji Mar. Editor -
Editor of the Bálbodh Mewa Mrs. E. S. Hume -

Adjd with prayer at 5 P.M. to meet at the call of the Chairman -

Oct. 22d

3 P.M. Met at the call of the Chairman - considered the question of the transfer of Narayan Balaji to Sholapur -

Voted that Kishan Kanhobá & Sáwalá Bhágobá be employed as teachers under Bro. Harding in the Sholapur district,

Bro. Abbott was chosen a Trustee of the Theol. Seminary for five years -

Bro. Abbott reported a letter in reply to the circular of the Bishop of Bombay. The letter was approved. & a copy of it was directed to be sent to the Bishop by the Secretary -

Voted. that Kashibai of Ghánegav be employed as Bible woman in the Párner District -

After reading a letter from Rev. Sonaji of Shrigonda. adj^{d} with prayer -

Oct. 27th

Met at 10 A. M. - After prayer & reading of the journal,

Voted. that Bro. Smith be allowed to take a change for his health for three mos. (April to June.) & that we ask a special grant of Rs 150. in addition to the sum in our estimates if Mrs. Smith returns before the hot season -

That we approve of Bro. Bruce's plan for the enlargement of the work in the Satara Dist - that we ask a special grant of Rs 300. to enable him to provide houses for native assistants at Koregav. Rahimatipur, & Karád - & that in view of Dr Clark's letter to him of Sept. 12th 1884, he be allowed to use this sum immediatly if required, & to charge it in this years account - Also that we approve of the employment of Dhondiba Laxaman, who has for nearly two years been supported by Col. Jacob as a "touring Catechist", & that Bro. Bruce be allowed to provide for his salary in 1885 by transferring such sums as can be saved from any department of work in the Satara District -

That the station school at Nagar be put in the charge of Bro. Bissell, & that in view of Dr. Clark's letter of Sept. 84 to Mrs. Bissell, we ask a special grant of Rs 700. to provide accommodation for the station school, & an additional sum for a site for ~~the same~~ a school house if it shall be required -

That Bro. Abbott be authorized to write a letter to the church mission in the N. W. P. with reference to Gotunáth Munshi, & his work while in connection with our mission -

That Parasarám Piraji be transferred to the Sirur District (in place of Sawalyaram Sólave.)

That if Pastor Tukaram of the Bombay church does not need the Parsonage, we approve of Bro. E. S. Hume continuing to use it for the girls of the school -

That we approve of Balawant Chimaji accepting the call to become associate pastor of the Nagar church - & of Vithobá Dajiba Sansáre accepting the call from the

Shingave (Gukai) Church if it is received.
That Bro. Bissell be allowed to take the two-pole tent at Bhuing for use in the Kolgav District—

adj^d at 12 M. till Wed^y morning—

Oct. 29th

Met at 10 A.M. After prayer, the minutes of the meeting were read as prepared by the secretary & the following resolution was passed—

That the minutes as now read be approved, & a copy of them be sent to the Secretary of the American Board in Boston.

adjourned sine die, with prayer—

L. Bissell. Sec.

Journal of the Meeting of the Mission at Mahableshwar May 20. 1885.

May. 20. /85.

Mission met in Murray House at 10^{30} a.m. Present Brn Fairbank, Bissell Harding, Bruce Winsor, R. A. Hume, E. S. Hume Gates; also Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Winsor, Mrs. Gates, Miss Hume, Miss Fairbank and Miss Harding. Brn Smith and Abbott were absent on the Pulney Hills. It devolved on Bro. R. A. Hume to act as chairman. Brn Bruce and Gates were appointed a Business Committee for this meeting. After devotional services, the minutes of our last meeting were read, also the letters recd from Dr. Clark since our Oct. meeting.

Resolved. that we approve of the class in Theol. Semy being called together on the 8th of June. Business Com. reported recommending that we meet at 10 a.m. and take recess at 1 p.m. also from 3 o'clock to 5 o'clock p.m. approved. — Brn Bruce Fairbank, & Bissell were appointed a Com. to consider what additional statistical tables should be given in our annual reports. Took recess at 1 p.m.

20th. 3 p.m.

Met and the brethren gave in reports of the work in their respective districts since our last meeting. Six persons reported. Adjd at 5 p.m. with prayer.

May 21st. Met at 10 a.m. After devotional exercises the journal of yesterday was read, also a letter received from Dr. Clark this morning. Brn Gates & R. A. Hume and some of the ladies reported respecting this work since our last meeting. After some general discussion of the subject of Gov. Grants for our village schools ~~it~~ the use of the grant was left for the present to the discretion of each missionary in his own district. Took recess at 1 p.m.

3 p.m. The Business Com. reported recommending that the Eng. sermon be preached at six o'clock Sabbath evening in Yenna Lodge and that it be followed by the Sacrament of the Lord's supper. Bro. Smith appointed to preach the Mar. sermon being absent the usual Marathi services were held by others. — The circulars respecting Bro. Gates taking his family to the Hills; Bro. Mason renting Glenmore for Rs. 275; respecting Bro. A. D. Bissell's examination &c. and subsequently his departure for America; also respecting Bro. Smith & Abbott visiting the Pulney Hills. — Voted: that the pay of a graduate of the Theo. Sem. having received licensure may be the same as that of a teacher under Rule 11. (and that this be inserted in our rules as Rule 5 a.) Voted: that the pay of Ragonath Dagadoba Teacher at Sirur be increased by Rs. 1. per mo. from July 1st for "special faithfulness" (see Rule 9.); That the allowance to Rabhaji (blind singer at Satara) be Rs. 14. per mo. from May 1st. Voted: that the mission disapprove of Dhanaji Saptal remaining at Nagar. That Bro. Bruce

be allowed to use any funds appro-priated to his District not needed in that particular department, for ~~for~~ school houses at Karad and Rahimatipur [subject to the approval of the Prudential Committee.]
Adj^d. with prayer at 5 p.m.

May 22nd

Met at 10 a.m. after the devotional exercises and reading the journal, a statement was made by Bro. Winsor in regard to his Industrial school at Sirur. Voted: that Br^rs. Bissell and Abbott be an advisory Committee of the mission in connection with the Industrial School. Read a petition from P. B. Keskar, medical catechist at Sholapur. Voted, that Bro. Harding, Gates and Dr. Fairbank be a Committee to report upon the petition & Dispensary at Sholapur. Voted. that Rev. Dhond. Tuk. Wag-mare on account of inefficiency be no longer employed by the mission after the 1st of June and that he be allowed three months pay. After some further discussion of Sholapur matters, took recess at 1 1/4 p.m.

3 1/4 p.m. (May 22nd)

The annals of the mission as prepared by the Secretary were read and approved for recording. Voted: that Balawant Vithal teacher at Shol. be suspended from Mission service for untruthfulness, till our October meeting. That Yeshawant Hiroba teacher at Bhinig be transferred to Sholapur under the care of Bro. Harding. That the old Pres. building in Byculla be rented to the present occupants for five years, on the same conditions as the present lease about Rs. 125 per. month. That the vacant lot west of the Parsonage in Bombay be rented at Rs. 200. per. yr. for 10 years. That the excess of charges in Bro. E. S. Hume's account Rs. 115.12.0 for travelling in 1884 be paid out of his allowances for travelling in 1885. That the Rs. 350 under printing (for Theol. Class. Book) in 1884 drawn but not used, be applied to pay the excess of Dyna. charges in 1884 and the balance Rs. 71.15.3 be taken from this years allowances for printing. That we ask a special grant of Rs. 474.15.2 to meet the excess of charges for repairs and taxes in Bro. E. S. Hume's acct. of 1884.

Adjourned at 5 1/4 p.m.

May. 23rd Voted that we approve of Bro. R. A. Hume asking permission of the Prud. Committee to visit America, leaving India in August next. That Miss Sarah J. Hume having been associated with us and taken a very efficient part in our mission work for three years and having acquired a good knowledge of the Mar. language we should consider it a great loss for her now to leave and we therefore cordially invite her to remain and continue her labors in the mission; and that from the departure of her brother, she receive the regular allowance of an unmarried lady of the mission; and be stationed at Ahmednagar. [subject to the approval of the Prud. Committee]. That on the departure of Bro. R. A. Hume the Parner & Jambgaw Districts be placed in the charge of Miss Hume.

That Yeshawant Shivaram of Belapur be employed as teacher in the Rahuri District. That Bro. Fairbank be appointed to examine the Normal School of the C. V. E. Society. Bro. Bruce reported respecting the Mar. Bible Dictionary, and the Report was accepted as follows:— "Bro. Bruce having reported the receipt of a draft for £ 66-13.4. which has realized Rs. 831.1.6 from the "American Tract Society" to aid in the publication of the "Marathi Bible Dictionary"; therefore resolved: That we express our thanks to the American Tract Society for their generous assistance in the publication of this much needed work. — That, as the Bible Dictionary is to be published by the Bombay Tract and Book Society we purchase 500 copies or one half of the edition — at R 1.8.0 per copy or a total of Rs. 750 and that the

balance of Rs. 81.1.6 be used for the
photo-lithographing of a map of Palestine
which has been prepared in Marathi
by Bro. Bruce, expressly for the Bible
Dictionary. — That twelve copies of the
Bible Dictionary be given to Bro. Bruce,
four copies to Kassimbhai, two copies each
be sent to the Secretaries of the A. B. C.
F. M. in Boston and the Amer. Tract Soc.
of New York, and one copy each to the
Amer. Sunday School Union, Philadelphia
and the Society for the Promotion of Christian
Knowledge, London — that one copy each be
placed in the library of the Theological Seminary in Ah-
-mednagar, and in the mission libraries at
Ahmednagar, Bombay, Satara and Sholapur,
and that all our bona fide mission agents
including Pastors of churches, be allowed to
purchase the book for personal use at one
rupee, and that the money thus received be
credited to the Amer. Tract Society and be
used for the purchase of other books which
may have been sanctioned by the Society."

---- That from the first of July next,
Bro. Abbott be Eng. Editor of the Dnyanodaya
That Bro. Winsor be allowed to use Rs. 75
from appropriations to the Sirur District
for an Eng. teacher in the Sirur Station Sch.
[subject to the approval of the Prudential Com.]
Voted that the thanks of the Mission be
tendered to the Religious Tract Soc. of

London for a grant 45 reams of double crown paper. — That the excess of expenditure over the appropriation for printing our report for 1884 Rs. 26 be paid out of the grant for Theol. Class book in 1885. — That Bro. Bruce be appointed to prepare our Mission report for 1885. At 1 p.m. adjourned with prayer till Monday morning.

May 25th. Met at 10 a.m. After the devotional services the journal was read. Voted that By-law No. 6. be amended by substituting for the "note" the following: By "ordinary" expenses are meant all except personal allowances, appropriations for new buildings and for printing special works. The Committee on statistical tables reported forms for statistics of our schools and of our Bible women. The report was accepted & Bro. Bruce was requested to get 240 copies of the blank forms printed for use in our reports.

Voted that Bro. Bruce be requested to prepare 250 copies of books of blank forms for the use of our preachers & Bib. Readers & that the expense (about Rs125) be defrayed from the grant for Theol. Class book for 1885.

Dr. Clark's letter of Nov. 26 to the Turkish missions was considered.

After reading & discussing a letter from Rev. R. V. Modak, took recess till 3 P.m.

3 P.m. Approved the following rules for Native

helpers: "That we expect all our preachers & Bible Readers to devote at least four or five hours daily to their special work, & in addition to this to spend a suitable portion of their time in study of the Bible & preparation for their work. That we disapprove of any of our Native Agents engaging in outside labor for pecuniary gain, or of any one running in debt; and that after suitable warning has been given we shall regard either of these two things a sufficient cause for the dismissal of any Mission agent who may disregard the warning".

Read petitions of Hanamant Joteba & Bhau Kadam. No action taken.

Voted that Vithoba Kanhoba be employed as Bible Reader at Sholapur.

Voted that the Brethren at Ahmedr be a Com. to decide upon the amount to be allowed to Abdul Nuradin for damages to buildings on the "Castle" premises in connection with the building of the High School, & ~~that~~ Rs 100 of this sum be paid to him now.

That the pay of Vishwanath Pandit be increased R 1 per mo. from July 1st.

Adjourned with prayer at 5 P.M.

May 26th. Met at 10 A.M. After devotional exercises & reading of the journal of yesterday, took up the subject of estimates for 1886.

Voted that on account of Bro. R. A. Hume leaving his daughter Hannah in this country her expenses will be increased, ~~& we~~ therefore approve of his asking for her Rs 10 per mo. in addition to the regular allowance.

Voted that Sakharam Bhawaniba & Hariba Umaji be employed as teachers in the Kolgaon Dist.

Took recess at 1 P.M.

3 P.M. Voted that Mâlanbai be employed as teacher in the Bombay Boarding school on Rs 30 per month from the beginning (?) of 86.

Continued deliberation of estimates till 5 P.M. Adjourned with prayer.

May 27th. Met at 10 A.M. After devotions & reading the journal voted that in preparing our estimates for '86 with the $32,000 assigned by the Prud. Com. as the limit of our estimates, the rupee be reckoned at 38 cents.

Voted that the name of Krishnarao Sângle be removed from our list of Bible Readers & that he be employed as pundit from the 1st of Sep. next — & that he be allowed Rs 10 per mo. for each hour of daily work.

Adjourned at 1 P.M. to meet at 11 A.M. tomorrow.

May 28th Met at 11 A.M. - after devotions & reading the journal of yesterday, a letter recd from Dr. Clark this morning was read, allowing $35000 as the limit of our estimates for 1886 —

Voted that the rupee be reckoned at 40 cents instead of 38 cts. as voted yesterday.

That the Secretary send the hearty thanks of the mission to Dr. Clark for his two letters of Apr. 15th & Apr. 21st recd during this meeting, which have greatly helped us in preparing our estimates & cheered us in our work.

That the Brn at Nagar, Bro. Bissell Chairman, be a Com. to arrange for the annual meeting in October.

That Shâhurao B. Modak be asked to engage in mission work as an Evangelist in the Sholapur District, under the direction of Bro. Gates. And that if he consents to the arrangement, he be allowed a sum not exceeding Rs 40 per month.

A minute was adopted with reference to the departure of Bro. Arthur Bissell — (see the records of the Mission).

Took recess till 3½ o.c.

3½ P.M. Voted that the accompanying Estimates for 1886 amounting to Rs 83.047 contingt 3.776 Total 86.823 be approved — Also ~~that~~ the accompanying Contingent estimates amounting to Rs 3.776 be approved — & that we send the accompanying Supplementary estimates amounting to Rs 3.150 as indicating to the Prudential Committee what will be needed by Dr. Ballantine, if as now expected, he shall be with us in 1886.

Voted that the minutes as now read be approved, & a copy of them be sent to the Secretary of the American Board in Boston.

Adjourned sine die, with prayer —

L. Bissell
Sec.

Journal of Mission meeting at Ahmednagar - October 21st to Nov. 2d 1885.

Oct. 21/85. The mission met at 10 A.M. in the Mission House - present Brn Fairbank, Bissell, Harding, Bruce, Winsor, E. S. Hume, Gates, Smith, Abbott, also Mrs. Bissell, Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Winsor, Mrs. E. S. Hume, Mrs. Gates, Mrs. Smith, Miss Hume, Miss Fairbank, Miss Harding. It devolved on Bro. Smith to act as chairman - After devotional exercises, the minutes of the last meeting were read. Reports were made by the members of the mission of the work in their districts since our May meeting. Brn Fairbank, Bruce, & Harding reported - Brn Bissell & Fairbank were appointed a Business Committee for this meeting. Took recess at 12 M.

3 P.M. Met again - read letters recd from Dr. Clark since our last meeting - voted that Bro. Fairbank be appointed in place of Bro. R. A. Hume on the Com. of the High School building, to examine & settle the accounts - adjourned with prayer at 5¼ P.M.

Oct. 22d Met at 9:45 A.M.

After reading the journal of yesterday, Voted, that we approve of Bro. Gates visiting America with his family in the early part of 1886; also that we approve of Bro. Harding sending his son George at the same time - & that Brn Harding & E. S. Hume be a committee to assist Bro. Gates in arranging for the voyage. That we approve of Bro. Fairbank asking permission of the Prudential Committee to visit America next year; & also to take his daughter Mary with him, or to send her if a favorable opportunity offers.

Voted. That Bro. Ballantine (who is expected to arrive in India soon) have charge of the Rahuri District from the 1st of Jan. 86 - & that Bro. A. S. Bissell (who is also expected soon) resume charge of the Kolgao Dist. from the 1st of Jan. 1886.

The opinion was expressed by the brethren that it is proper for Bro. Gates. Treasurer. to pay the $1000 voted by the Prudential Committee, to Bro. Winsor for the expenses of the Industrial School at Sirur. Brn Gates Bissell. E. S. Hume. Abbott. Winsor & Miss Hume

reported of the work in their districts.
Bro. Hume was appointed to write an account of our meeting to the Bombay Guardian, & Bro. Harding to the Indian Witness.

Took recess at 30min. P.M.

Met at 3 P.M.

Bro. Smith reported of his work in the High School for the last few months.
Voted that Brs. Hume & Abbott be a Committee to confer with Anandrav Sangale with regard to taking the Marathi work of the Dnyanoday
Petitions from native agents were read & remarks were made upon them.

adjd. at 4:30 P.M. to attend the exhibition of the Girls School.

Oct. 23d Met at 10 A.M. after a half hour of devotional services with the native church — the journal of yesterday was read. A Marathi translation of the Apostles creed was read by Bro. Bruce — Listened to a statement from Mr. Haig with reference to the Students of the Normal School.
Petitions were read — The report of the Committee on examination of Candidates for the position of 2d Grade Preacher was presented by Bro. Fairbank, which was accepted —

Voted, that Bápuji Námají Adhav, having passed the required examination, be advanced to the position of 2^{d} Grade preacher – his increased allowance to commence Jan. 1886.

That the examination of Tánhají Khandoba Shirol (for 2^{d} Grade preacher) be approved – but that he be tried in his work as preacher one year, before he is advanced to the 2^{d} Grade.

That we approve of Imám Baksh leaving the service of the mission to pursue a Collegiate course of study, & that we hope he will return to us after having completed ~~his~~ the course, fitted for greater usefulness.

Took recess at 30$^{min.}$ P.M.

Met again at 3 P.M.

Voted, that the thanks of the Mission be presented to Rev. Tukaram Nathoji for conducting the Dny^{a} during the illness of Shâhurav, & since his death.

That the pay of Abají Rabhají Hiwale be increased Re1. per mo. (from Jan. 86) for special faithfulness in his work.

A letter was read from Shahurav Modak in regard to his going to Sholapur, & the matter was discussed but no decision was reached.

Adj'd with prayer at 5 P.M.

Oct. 24th

Met as usual, read the journal of yesterday—

Voted. that in reference to the Resn No 28 of our last May minutes, Mr. Shahu Ra. Modak be asked to engage in the work of an Evangelist in the Sholapur Dist. under the direction of Bro. Gates, & that his allowances including house rent be Rs 45. per mens.

That Miss Susan Graham be released from mission service at her own request — & that she be allowed one months pay — & that Miss Fannie Graham at her urgent request be transferred from Sholapur to Bombay, to be employed in the High School in place of her sister.

A plan having been presented by Bro. Harding with reference to the Sholapur Dispensary by which in a few years the mission allowance to Dr. P. B. Keskar will cease, & he have the entire management of the Dispensary.—

Voted, that the general plan be approved — & that we promise Dr. Keskar that in case the receipts of the Dispensary fail on account of his failure in health, or otherwise by no fault of his, the mission will re-consider the terms of the agreement, & modify them in his favor as may seem proper & right - & that Dr. Keskar give an annual report of the work in connection with the dispensary to the missionary in charge at Sholapur.

That we approve of Bro. Harding building an addition to the house of the Medical Catechist at Sholapur, from the avails of the Dispensary in hand, & the receipts for rent at Sholapur next year.

That the pay of Shahurav Kukade, deceased, be continued to his family to the end of this year, & that we ask the Prudential Com- for 3½ mos. of his pay from next years' appropriations to be used for the benefit of his family.

adjd- with prayer at 1 P.M. to meet Monday morning.

Oct. 26th Met at 10 A.M.

Read the journal of Saturday-

Voted that the Res. in reference to Shahurav Modak be re-considered, & that the sum offered him be Rs 50. per mo.

That the Brn at Nagar be a Com. to decide upon the boys to be supported by the mission in the Nor. School. & in the Station School at Nagar next year.

Bro. Bruce having reported in regard to the preparation of blank books for the use of our Native Agents in reporting their work, Voted, that the books be distributed to our agents for use from the first of Jan'y next.

Voted, that the following be the assignment of houses at the Health Station for the next hot season.

The House at Panchgani { Bro. Bruce, Bro. L. Bissell & A. S. Bissell.

Murray House – Br. Harding, & the young ladies.

Grace Cottage – Bro. Winsor.

Green Hill, North – Brn Ballantine & Abbott.

Green Hill, South – Br. E. S. Hume & Miss Hume.

That Mrs. Smith & Miss Harding be allowed to spend the hot season on the Pulney Hills.

That we ask a special grant of Rs 225 for a sch. house & Teachers ho. at Dahitna in the Parner Dist. – Rs 200 having been promised by Government.

That Vishram Ramaji, a graduate of the Nor. school, be allowed to study a year in the Mission High School without expense to the mission.

That the Brn at Nagar be a Com. to secure by rent or otherwise such part of the lot west of the castle premises as may be needed for the use of the High School.

Voted that Bro. Abbott be manager of the Dny^{a} from 1st Jany 86. & that he be allowed to present the account of the Dny^{a} Separately as by the "Manager of the Dny^{a}."-

That Bro. Abbott be allowed to employ a peon at Rs10. per mo. to be provided for from his regular appropriations.

Recess at 40 min. P.M.

Met at 3 P.M.

The Secretary being absent Bro. Gates was appointed to act as Sec. pro tem.

Considered native agents -

Voted that Hanamant Yotiba be transferred from Satara to Sirur -

That Kishan Vyankoba Hiwale, Sawala Arjuna Bhalerav, & Surma Garbhaji Garade be employed in the Satara District -

Vishwas Mahadu at Shol. under Bro. Harding -

Thakoba Dewaba Sâlave under Bro. Fairbank from July 1st 85 -

That the Librarian at Nagar be allowed to lend for a time the book, "Bábáji, the Christian Brahman" for the use of Dr. Thompson of Boston.

That Res 25(c) of May '85 be amended so as to allow Bro. Bruce 25 copies of the Bible Dict. & that members of the mission who wish to purchase copies of the Dict. to present as prizes be allowed to have them at Re1. each.

Adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Oct. 27th

Met at 10 A.M.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Voted that Rāwaji Kāmboli in the Sirur Dist. be dismissed from Sept. 1st for inefficiency with two months' pay.

That the resignation of Anandrav Sangale teacher in the High School be accepted, to take ~~place~~ effect from July 1st.

That Brn Fairbank & Harding be a deputation to attend the meeting of the "Aikya", in accordance with a request from that body.

That Dhanaji D. Saptal be employed as teacher in the High School from July 1st 85.

That Krishnarav R. Sangale be employed as Mission Pundit from Nov. 1st at Rs 40 per mo. & his whole time, up to five hours a day, be at the disposal of the mission -

That Bro. Winsor be allowed to ask of the Board Rs 12. per mo. as a contingent estimate for a preacher in Sirur for 1886.

That the Brn in Bombay be allowed to pay house rent for their native agents up to Rs 8. per mo. if necessary.

That Anaji Patekar be employed as Bible Reader in the ~~Southern~~ Kolgav Dist. under Bro. Bissell

That the members of the Theol. Class return to their work in their respective districts -

That Bro. Harding be a Trustee of the Theol. Semy in place of Bro. Winsor whose term of office has expired.

The Com. appointed by the mission to visit the Industrial School at Sirur. gave their report.

adj^d with prayer.

Oct. 28th – Met at 10 A. M.

Voted that we ask a grant of $200. from the Amer. Tract Soc. to purchase a first supply of Tracts & books for the new depot at Ahmednagar.

That the young ladies be allowed to employ a new teacher in the Girls school with allowances in hand.

That we ask a special grant of Rs200. for two additional dormitories for the Girls school at Nagar, if the money can be provided by the Woman's Board.

That the young ladies be permitted to use the little bungalow for dormitories for the girls school.

That the mission offer A. M. Sangale Rs60. per mo. as Mar. editor of the Dny^a, it being understood that he be allowed to ~~&~~ use a part of his time in the prosecution of his studies.

The officers of the mission for next year were elected as follows –

Secretary & Annalist. Bro. Bissell

Treasurer. Bro. Harding.
(Bro. Harding having declined to act as Treasurer, voted that the consideration of his resignation be postponed till our final meeting.)
Financial Committee, Br^{n} Ballantine & A. D. Bissell.
Editor of the Dny^{a}. Bro. Abbott.
Editor of the Bálbodh Mewa, Mrs. E. S. Hume

Adj^{d} at 30^{min}. P.M. to meet at the call of the Chairman -

Oct. 30th - Met at 12 M.

Mr. A. M. Sángale came in & conferred with the mission in regard to his taking the work of the Dny^{a}.

Voted. That Mr. A. M. Sángale be asked to go to Bombay & take the position of Mar. Editor of the Dny^{a} for one year, on a salary of Rs 75. per month, with the understanding that his whole time be at the disposal of the mission, or that he be offered Rs 60. per month if he chooses to do the Dny^{a} work with the understanding that he continue his studies.
That Bro. Smith be allowed to ask the Prudential Committee for a special grant of Rs 500, for a latrine, & a new wall (or wire fence in the Castle compound. Adj^{d}.

Nov. 2^d Met at 10 A.M. {Bro. Harding sent a note withdrawing his resignation of the office of Treasurer, & was declared elected-

Read the minutes as partially prepared-

Voted That R. V. M. be allowed Rs 39. for medical attendance upon his wife in her last illness, if it can be provided for in the regular appropriations-

That the expense of medical attendance upon Thakurav Kukade in his last illness be allowed, amounting to about Rs 30.

That we approve of Bro. E. S. Hume writing to Dr. Clark in regard to the expense for medical attendance upon his family this year, & asking such help as Dr. C. can afford.

That the Secretary write to Dr. Clark asking a formal approval by the Prudential Committee of the appointment of the Trustees of the mission, which can be used for legal purposes.

That Bhágusha Hanamant Hiwale be employed as teacher in the Konkan under the direction of Bro. Abbott.

That the thanks of the mission be sent to the For. Sund. Sch. Union of New York for a gift of £35. for an edition of Christie's old organ" in Marathi.

That the above minutes be approved, & a copy of them be sent to the Secretary of the Board in Boston.

adj^d. sine die with prayer.

L. Bissell
Secretary

May 1886.

The Miſsion met at 10 A.M. 7, May, 1886, in the Murray House at Mahābaleshwar. There were present Meſsrs Abbott, Ballantine Bruce Fairbank Harding, E.S. Hume & Winsor. Also Mrs Bissell Miſs Bissell Mrs Ballantine Miſs Fairbank Mrs Harding, Mrs Hume Miſs Hume & Mrs Winsor. Rev J. Sibley & Mrs Sibley, & Mrs Dr Condict were also present.

It decided on Br Winsor to act as Chairman. The first half hour was occupied as a prayer meeting Br Abbott & Ballantine conducted it. Then Br Hume read a request from Sumantrao Vishnupant that we would unite in prayer for his uncle who is in an inquiring state of mind. After some remarks by the Ch^{m} Br Fairbank led in prayer.

Decided to postpone the reading of the minutes of the last meeting & to hear reports from the members for the time since the Oct meeting. The members reported in order as they were seated. Fairbank Abbott Harding Bruce Hume Miſs Hume Mrs Harding Mrs Hume Mrs Winsor Miſs Fairbank Mrs Bissell Ballantine Winsor - thus occupying the time till 1 P.M. Took recess.

Met at 3:30 P.M. Read the minutes of the Oct ^{85} meeting Read Dr Clark's letter.

Voted that Fairbank be appointed to act in place of Dr Bissell on the Industrial School. Docket made

Mr Sibley was invited to sit with us as a corresponding member.

Adjourned at P.M. 5.

8. May. Met at 10 A.M. Dev^{l} Ex^{s} conducted by Brs Bruce & Fairbank. Min^{s} of yest^{y} read & approved. Docket enlarged. Br Bruce rep^{d} cost of prg Miſsion Report for 1885 & collected sums due for postage on it. Ed^{n} of 650 cop. has proved insufficient this year.

Took up Location of Miſsionaries & Changes to be decided

Voted that Rev Henry Fairbank on his expected arrival in August be located at Wadāle in the Ahm^{r} District.

That Dr Ballantine be allowed the use of the iron roofed house at the W.C. for the present.
Conversed resp'g the supply of Satara in case Br Bruce shd find it necy to visit Am., & the advisability of Dr Ballantine's being located there was talked of, but action was postponed.

Considered the question of Rev J.M. Sibley & wife being connected with the Am. Bd. & of their undertaking the work at Lalitpur.

Mission took recess at 12:30.

8 May 86. 3 P.M. Some questions affecting the proposed connection of the Sibleys with our Mission were discussed & Brn Abbott & Ballantine were appd. a com. to consult with Mr Sibley and to give us their written opinion of the state of his health & of his ability in the use of the Hindustani language. Dr Ballantine was apd a com to give a written opinion about his health.

A letter from Mr Sailer of the Kolhapur Mission was read. In it he proposes that that Mission shd make an itin. Ratnagiri station tour. It was thought inadvisable to take any action looking toward our undertaking Mission work in Ratnagiri.

Brn Harding & Fairbank were appd. a com. to prepare resolutions respecting the return of Rev C.W. Park & family to Bombay & also with regard to the appt. of Rev J.M. Sibley & wife as Missys. of the Am. Bd. Adjd at 4:30 P.M.

10 May 86. Monday. Mis. met at the Primary House. Brn Harding & Hume conducted the devotional exercises. The mins of Saty were read corrected & approved.

Com. apd to draft res. respecting the appt of the Parks & the Siblys by the Am. Bd. reported & was discharged & mis. took folg action.

Having heard that Rev C.W. Park and Mrs Park may offer themselves to the Am. Bd for reappt & believing them specially fitted for work among the educated natives of India, Resd. That we cordially approve if it shd. seem advisable to the Prud. Com. to reappoint them; & we earnestly hope that the way may be opened for their speedy return to this mission.

The com. apd to examine Mr Sibley with refce to his knowledge of Indian Languages reported as follows:— "Your Com. beg to report that they examined Mr Sibley this morning with refce to his knowledge of Marathi & Hindustani, & to state the results reached by them. Mr S. read a portion of a Marathi tract & engaged in conversation with us in both Marathi & Hindustani. Mr S. read very clearly and distinctly, & with the exception of a failure to aspirate distinctly his reading was entirely satisfactory. Mr S. has, since his study of Marathi, neglected his Hindustani to such an extent that he feels somewhat rusty in its use. Notwithstanding this his conversation in Hindustani was such that he cd be easily understood. Easy questions in Marathi cd be readily understood & answered by him. Mr S. has studied Marathi grammar up to Syntax, and in view of the hindrances to his studies, we, your com. are of opinion that Mr S has such a use of the Marathi as to be of present help to him in taking charge of some station work at once in the Marathi field or where the Hindustani is the chief language spoken."

Dr Ballantine apd com. to report on Mr Sibleys state of health repd as foll.

"Results of a medical examination of Mr Sibley made by myself this morning. Mr S. gives no history of consumption whatever in his family. His lungs, on inspection, show somewhat imperfect expansion. Mr S. has also somewhat of a stoop in his walk. He gives no sign however of lung trouble on auscultation or percussion. Mr S has had a severe cold, which he has had for several weeks, and as a result of this he shows some redness in his throat & fauces. He complains of irritation in the throat which hinders his public speaking. Remedies directed to this trouble will undoubtedly affect favorably his present trouble. In view of these facts, I give it as my unhesitating opinion that Mr S. has no present lung trouble, nor any evidence of it whatever. I can find no evidence of any other organic trouble with Mr Sibley."

It was resd. that: Having had the privilege of a short acquaintance with Rev J. W. Sibley & Mrs Sibley, we are convinced of their fitness for miss'y work in this land, and in our need of reinforcement, we express the hope that their application for app.t by the Am. Bd. may be favorably rec.d

In case the Bd sh.d desire to locate a mission family at Lalitpûr we think that Mr & Mrs Sibley are well fitted to undertake the work there.

But the majority of the Mission (4 out of 7) now present, are not prepared to recommend the occupation of Lalitpûr by a miss'y of the Am. Bd.

The Mission took recess at 12:30.

10 May 86: Mission met at 3 P.M.

Br Bruce pointed out the necessity of some changes in the Statistical tables of our Reports and it was res.d that two columns be added to the educational tables; and that the Statistical tables for Women's work be the same as those in the Report Books for Bible Readers. It was agreed that Br Bruce should have new blank tables prepared for this purpose.

Res.d that "Secular Agency" be added as one of the items under Sec VIII of our accounts.

That Brn Bruce & Harding be a com. to present at this meeting a copy of the Constitution corrected to date

After conversation about special expenses incurred by Native Agents of the Mission on account of sickness in their families, it was thought that except in unusual cases, the parties concerned sh.d pay them.

Br Ballantine wished advice with regard to Krishnājī Bhāgājī Gāyakawād, who has become sickly & also weak in mind, & is now of little value for religious work. He is a graduate of our Theol. Sem'y & has a wife and four children. It was advised that his salary should be reduced to a mere subsistence allowance.

Considered a letter from the Bombay Tract & Book Soc. in which they propose to give up the employment of Colporters, and in which they ask the various missions to support this agency. There are two colporters in our connection at Bombay, one at Ahmednagar, and one at Sholāpūr who are supported by the By B. & T. Soc. - Brn Hume and Harding were apd. a com. to suggest a solution of this difficulty during the present meeting.

The case of Rev Balawantrāo Bhimājī Uzgare was brought forward, but it was laid on the table for further consideration tomorrow. Adjd. at 5 P.M.

11 May 1886, Tuesday. Mission met at 10 A.M.

Br Smith was present, having retd from the Palani Hills.

The Devotional Exercises were conducted by Brn Abbott and Sibley.

Decided that Mrs Bissell should pay Rev Balwantrao Uzgare Rs 21 a month for the present year, the means to be provided from the lapsed allowance of Dhanājī Saptāl.

Some changes were proposed in the travelling allce of School Inspectors - But it was thought best to continue our present rate.

Br Abbott asked for sanction as to paying Rs 6 a month for Contingent expenses to Anandrāo, the Marāthī Editor of the Dnyānodaya, viz Rs 1 for use of a Library, Rs ½ for reading room, Rs 1½ for tram conveyance to ~~Reading room~~ Library - & Rs 3 for errand boy. It was thought that the tramway fare sd not be allowed, but it was agreed to allow the rest.

Br Abbott has found that the Mission allces for Native Agents in the Konkan are not sufficient & he has paid more, 2 Rs to unmarried men & Rs 3 to married men and now asks approval of this course. On finding that others did not see the matter in his light he did not insist on an expression of opinion in the matter.

The question of location of Mr & Mrs Sibley & of arrangements for their support until an answer to their application for Apt. by the Am. Bd. be rec'd, was considered & it was Res.d that we advise them to reside at Sholapur & make the study of the Marathi language their principal business until an answer is rec'd from the Am. Bd to their application for apt. as ast. miss.

Voted that Kānhobā Lakshman Gayakawād be employed as a common school teacher in the Sirūr District from 1 June.

There was talk about Krishnarāw Ingale but no action deemed necessary. Took recess at 12:30.

11 May 86. Met at 3 P.M.

A petition was read from Ananda Limbaji Jakte asking increase of pay because of the small measure & high prices at Talegām in the Sirur District where he is teaching school. The mission answers that its rates are fixed & it has no surplus from which to increase salaries.

A petition to be restored to Mission employment, was rec'd from Rāwjī Khandobā of Sirūr. But no one cares to employ him.

The following three Resolutions, passed in a circular of 16 Jan 86 were reaffirmed, viz -

That the Mission take the responsibility of procuring passage for Dr Bissell to America in the Anchor Line of Steam Ships; beginning with the voyage from Bombay to Liverpool in the SS. Belgravia which is expected to sail on the Belgravia, which is expected to sail on the 6th of March; and that Messrs Harding (Treas'r) and Abbott (of Bombay) be a com. to arrange for Rs to pay for the passage.

That our mission work in the Sn. Districts of the Ahmednagar Zillā be placed under the care of Mrs Bissell, &

That we approve of asking the Prud. Com. to appoint Miss Emily Bissell as an Assistant Missionary

The action taken on Dr Bissell's Circular of 6 March to the effect that Br Fairbank act as sec'y in the absence of Br Bissell & that he sign thus (L. Bissell Sec by S B Fairbank was also reaffirmed.

After some discussion respecting our reports of attendance in our village schools, it was agreed to record the average monthly attendance.

Res'd that Br Bruce prepare the Report of the Mission for 1886 — that the edition of the report for 86 be 700 copies — & that a map of our Mission field, giving our stations & Out Stations, as well as the principal towns &c — to be photozincographed — the size of the map to be that of two pages of the report.

Voted that we do not charge our income tax to the Mission but pay it ourselves — & that we understand that we should pay the tax on our salaries in gold — The Chm was requested to procure a copy of the Income Tax rules

Res. that as the Theol. Class will not assemble this year, Rev R.V. Modak be requested to undertake Evangelistic work —

Adj'd at 5 P.M.

12 May 86 Met at 10 A.M. Devotional Exercises were conducted by Brn Smith & Winsor.

Mrs Bissell asked to be allowed to pay Shetibā's actual expenses for conveyance while he is inspecting schools — & this was approved.

Voted that the yearly examination of our Teachers and other mission agents, be held on the 4th & 5th of Aug. & that Bro J. Smith & Rev R.V. Modak be a com. — to prepare questions for the Exn. — to examine the papers, & to adjudicate the prizes.

Br Abbott brought forward a plan & estimate for a school house at Roha, & a room with its accompanying verandas & bath-room for the use of the missionary. The whole estimated by Messrs Morris & Gostling (at Bombay rates) to cost Rs 7.200 — Of this Br Abbott proposes to collect

Rupees 1000 from friends & he asks $1000 (=Rs 2600) from the Am. Board, expecting that Government will grant the remaining Rs 3600 - If Gov.t will not allow half the expense, he wd not build. He thinks that the foundation will cost much less than is estimated, & that by using timber (teak) that can be obtained from the forests at Roha, he will materially reduce the cost. It was res.d that we approve of Br. Abbott's asking $1000 to help erect a building for the Anglo-Vernacular School at Roha which is estimated to cost Rs 7200 the building to contain a hall 30 × 18½ ft & 3 recitation rooms × & also a room 18½ × 15 ft for the miss'y with its accompanying bathroom & verandas - the remainder of the cost to be defrayed by a Gov.t grant of one half the cost, & the subscriptions of friends which w.d not in any case affect the receipts of the Am. Bd. 3 voted for & 3 against this, and one was non liquet. The Ch.mn's casting vote passed the resolution

Took recess at 12:40.

12 May. Met at 3 P.M.

Br Bruce asked that the yeas & nays on the last action be recorded. This was agreed to & they were as follows. Yeas Abbott, Hume, Smith & [illegible] Winsor Nays Bruce, Ballantine, Harding. Non liquet Fairbank -

On motion of Br Smith, Brn Harding & Smith were ap.d a com. to wait on the Governor & make inquiries in regard to the establishment of a College Class in connection with the Mission High School at Ahmednagar

. Br Smith was allowed to charge an excess, expended for travelling for health - taking the required sum from other allowances.

Br Hume reported hindrances to completing the sale of the Old Press in Bombay. The purchaser asks to be allowed to buy half the strip of land between the chapel & the press for a road way, the price to be fixed by arbitration. Br Hume also reported what had been done to recover some pieces of land belonging to the Mission in Kamatipur - asked to be allowed to sell some of them & use the proceeds in building a drain in his compound 400 feet long @ 8 as a running foot & in putting in a flooring of flag stones in the South Veranda of the Mission House - say 300 sq. ft. @ Rs 30 per 100 sq. ft. - & for building a haud or buying a tank to collect water & also to change the school latrines -

Adj'd at 4:50 P.M.

13 May 1886. Met as usual at the Murray House at 10 A.M. Br Ballantine & Bruce conducted the rel.s exercises - It was resolved

That Sidobā Dagadobā Rannaware teacher in the Rahuri field & be transferred to the Parner Field

That Razobā Lumāji , Bhāgobā Makāsare, and Tsokobā Sukāji , be ap as teachers in the Rāhūri Field from 1 Ap. 1886.

That Sāwalerām Bāpūji Chakranārāyan be employed as teacher in the Wadāle Field from 1 June 86.

As it is impracticable to teach the Theol.l Class this year, it was res'd that the members of the Theol.l Class remain where they are now located and that their allowances for the expected five months of study be made over to those in charge of the fields where they are employed.

On account of the absence of Brn Smith & Harding who went as a com. to wait on the Governor, the rest of the morning was given to revising estimates for 1887. Took recess at 12:30.

13 May 86. Met at 3 P.M. & spent the afternoon in revising Estimates for 1887.

Adjourned at 5 P.M.

14 May 86. Met at 10 A.M. The Religious Exercises were conducted by Br Harding & Hume.

A letter was read, from Rev Walter Condict of Southampton Long Island, respecting the application of his sister, Miss Doct. Condict, for aid from the Am. Bd, for her work in Bombay. She has asked for a grant to cover house rent & to pay a Xn worker who should follow up her medical work with Xn instruction, and also help her in the beginning of her medical work. A Miss Jones had been working with her for three months. She is an earnest Xn worker & she has so far supported herself by working as a nurse.

Took recess at 12:35.

14 May 86 Met at 3 P.M. Resolved

That we approve of Br Winsor's asking the Prud. Com. for the Second Thousand Dollars referred to in Dr Clark's letters to the Mission of 22 Oct 84, 23 Mar 85, & to Mr Winsor of 6 Jan 86. This was unanimously voted.

Res.d In view of an informal proposition made to the Mission by Miss Doct Condict with reference to a grant-in-aid for her work in Bombay, that we wd request Miss Doct C. to make a definite proposition to the Mission, expressing her wishes in the matter, so that we may take action with ref.ce to sending such a proposition to the Prud. Com. & that the Sec. be requested to communicate the same to Miss Condict.

Resd that Br Smith be authorized to take the necessary steps to open in Jan 1887, a college Class in connection with the Mission High School at Ahmednagar, and to secure affiliation with the Bombay University

Votd that we ask the Prud. Com. to send from Am. a man specially fitted for College work.

That we reply to the Bombay T. & B. Soc's Circular, dated 16 Mar 86, in which they inform us that they will not be able to support any Colporters after the present year:— that we shall be glad to undertake the support of three of their four Colporters, who are now under our care (viz. one each at Sholapur Ahmednagar & Bombay) from the beginning of 87. & that they be informed that we also propose hereafter to make special efforts to have our agents do more in the way of selling books & tracts; and that we hope that in this way there may be no diminution in the work now carried on by the Colporters of the Tract Society.

That we approve of selling the four pieces of land in Kāmātipur Bombay, ~~which were~~ given many years ago to the Amn. Mission by Government but hitherto unused, for about Rs 2 per sq yard — & that we approve of the Brn in Bombay building a covered drain, at eight annas per foot, in the Byculla compound (Rs 200) also flooring the South Veranda of the Mission House with stone (Rs 100) & buying an iron tank (Rs 100) & building two iron latrines, for the School & Boarding School (325) — the expense of these items to be met by the proceeds of the above pieces of land.

Approved of Bahiroba Adhāw being Librarian at Ahmednagar. Adjd at 5 P.M.

Mahābaleshwar, May 1886.

15 May 86 Met at 10 A.M. Religious exercises were conducted by Br Fairbank & Sibley.

The Com. on the revision of the Mission Constitution reported that they had taken a copy of the Edn printed in 1876 & carefully examined all changes made by the Mission and sanctioned by the Prud. Com. since that time. Their report was accepted & the Com. discharged. And it was resd that 100 copies of the Constitution as now revised be printed & that Br Bruce be requested to carry it through the press.

Br Bruce reported the bad state of the thatched stables at Greenhill, & it was resolved that we ask to Bd (in our Contingent Estimates) for Rs 2000, to put iron roofs on the stables at Green Hill & on the Cook rooms & Guard's house of Grace Cottage, with the alternative of Rs 250 for thatching the same.

Heard the representations of Chināppā Mistari Contractor for building the High School at Ahn. Br Winsor was apd to act on the Com. in the place of Dr Bissell, & the com. was requested to meet at Ahn. as soon as practicable & examine the work done on the buildings with reference to the excess claimed by Chināppā above the Estimates.

Resd that the May Meeting begin on the Wednesday following the first Monday of May & that this be inserted in the Constitution.

Adjourned at 12:45 to meet on the 17th inst.

17 May 86 Met at 10 A.M. Rel. exercises were conducted by Brn Smith & Winsor. — Minutes read & approved

Br Winsor reported the reoccupation of Sirûr by Government troops – & that consequently he must give up the house now rented for the Station School. So he asked to be allowed to build a school house for Rs 3000, half to be asked from Government. It was res^d.

That Br Winsor be allowed to spend up to Rs 10 a month for the rent of the Station School at Sirûr.

That Brn Smith and Winsor be a com. to wait on the Govr. & the Financial Sec^y of Gov^t. to ascertain our liability as missionaries with reference to the Income Tax.

That we approve of asking in the Contingent Estimates for 1887, Rs 700 for two buildings in the Sholāpûr District, – one for a preacher at Malṭhê & one for a teacher & school at Angar.

Took recess at 12:40

17 May 86. Met at 3 P.M.

After some conversation with regard to making provision for the superintendence of the Girls' School at Ahmednagar when it shall have been given up by Miss Fairbank & Miss Harding; it was res^d.

That Mr Smith & Mrs Bissell be a com. to consult with Miss Hume & Miss Bissell, & ascertain whether they would be willing to take charge of that school when Miss F. & Miss H. shall wish to be relieved.

Res^d that Brn Harding, Abbott & Ballantine be a com. to examine the last year's accounts of Br E. S. Hume with reference to the deficiency he claims on account of the Dnyānoday.

Also that whatever excess of expenditure above appropriations on account of the Dnyānodaya is found by this com. be asked from the Prud. Com. as a special grant.

That we approve of Br E. S. Hume asking the Prud. Com. to allow him to overdraw on his last six months' account to the amount of Rs 2400, with the expectation that, excepting the deficiency on account of the Dnyānodaya, this will be made up in the next account

That we approve of Br Smith's asking Rs 100 from the Prud. Com. which he has expended in excess of his allowances for travelling for health & paying for medical attendance.

That the mission approve of Br Winsor's accepting an offer of the means for building school houses in Rānjangāw, Talegāw & Jāwalé. We think that suitable houses can be built for Rs 250 each, including the cost of the land.

That Br Ballantine be allowed to sell an acre of land off the South end of the Mission premises at Rahuri for Rs 100, or to exchange it for a site suitable for a station school.

That Brn Harding, Bruce & Smith be a com. to report on the rules for Second grade Preachers.

Br Smith was appointed a member of the Financial Com. in the place of Mr Arthur Bissell.

Adj'd at 5 P.M.

18 May 86 Mission met at 10 A.M. Brn Abbott & Ballantine conducted the prayer meeting.

The Com. on Second Grade Preachers reported & after discussion it was res'd

That Rules III & II of the Schedule of Qualifications & Pay of Agents be amended so as to read;—

"The pay of a Second Grade Preacher shall be to begin with, not more than Rs ten nor less than Rs 8, to depend upon (a) his previous faithfulness and (b) the marks obtained in his examination. This sum shall be increased three rupees for his wife & one rupee for each dependent parent or child.

That the following note be added to the Schedule of Qualifications for Second Grade Teachers:—

N.B. Examinations for the above grade shall be conducted once every two years in the month of August, and candidates to pass, must obtain not less than 50% on every paper set, and an average of not less than 66⅔ on the whole."

That the pay of those Agents who have already passed this examination (Second Grade) be fixed by this amended rule from Jan 1888 and that their allowance for dependent parents & children be reduced to Rs. one from Jan 1887.

Res.d that Miss Hume & Miss Bissell take charge of the Girls' School Ahmednagar, whenever Miss Fairbank & Miss Harding may wish to be relieved.

In view of the fact that our normal strength of 12 mis's is now reduced to only eight and that several more of these eight need ~~speedy~~ furlough at an early date, we urgently request the Prud. Com. to send us at once four married mis's & two single ladies.

Res.d that Mrs Bissell & Miss Hume with the principals, be a com. to decide on the admission of candidates to the Girls' School.

That Brn Hume & Abbott be a com. to write to Dr Clark with regard to Miss Condict, giving a statement of her experience in Bombay, then wishes with regard to grants from the Am. Bd. & a lady companion, supported by the Am. Bd., & giving an expression of the regard with which she is held by the Mission, & that they send with this a paper from Miss Condict herself, expressing her wishes in the matter.

That the mission approve of asking a grant of Rs 15 a month for the support of a school teacher at Lalitpur, to accompany a preacher supported by a similar amount from the Bombay Church.

That 1000 copies of Blanks for the reports of School ~~[illegible]~~ Inspectors, be printed. (The form was shown by the Sec'y).

Appointed Dr Ballantine to help examine the C.V.E.S. Normal School

Ap. Miss Harding to examine the Girls' School

Ap. Mr Abbott to examine the High School as to Scripture study.

Ap. Mr E.S. Hume to preach the Eng. sermon next Oct.

Ap. Mr Winsor to preach the Marathi serm.

Adjourned to Friday, 21st inst.

Journal of the Meeting of the American Marathi Mission at Ahmednagar in Octr 1886.

20 Oct. 1886. The mission met in the Mission House at Ahmednagar at 10 A.M. There were present Brethren Abbott, Ballantine, Bruce, H. Fairbank, S.B. Fairbank, Harding, Sibley, Smith, and Winsor, and also Mrs Ballantine, Mrs Bissell, Miss Bissell, Mrs Bruce, Mrs Fairbank, Miss Fairbank, Mrs Harding, Miss Hume, Mrs Sibley. & Mrs Winsor.

It devolved on Br Abbott to act as Chairman. The devotional exercises were conducted by Brn Abbott & Ballantine. Br Ballantine & Harding were appointed as Business Committee for the meeting.

It was voted that the reading of the minutes be postponed till after hearing the reports of the members respecting their work & the state of the work under their charge. & the rest of the morning session was given to hearing the reports. Took recess at 12:30.

The Mission met again at 3 P.M. The Business Com reported that we begin daily with our usual devotional exercises & that our sessions continue from 10 A.M. to 12:30 and from 3 to 5 P.M. — that the Marathi sermon be delivered by Br Winsor on Sunday the 24th P.M. & the English sermon by Br Hume in the evng of the same day — that there be two conferences, one at Mrs Bissell's on Friday, 22d in the evng & the other at Dr Ballantine's on Wednesday Evng, 27th.

The hearing of reports of mission work continued till near the close of the session. Then a docket was formed. An
✓ invitation was received to see the Mission High School at 7½ A.M. on Sat. the 23d. The mission adj'd with prayer at 5.15 P.M.

21 Oct. Met at 10 A.M. The devotional exercises were conducted by Brn Bruce & S.B. Fairbank. The minutes of yesterday were read & approved.

The minutes of the last May meeting & the letters
✓ received from the Sec's of the Board since the May meeting were read.

✓ (Exam'n. & Ex. Missionaries) Brn Hume, Bruce, & Harding were appointed as a comm to examine Brn Sibley & Henry Fairbank & Miss Bissell (Emily) in Marathi.

There was some talk about changes as to the receiving the premium on Gold; but at last the Subject was laid on the table. Took recess at 12:30.

21. Oct. cond. Mission met at 3:10 P.M. –

A lengthy petition was read from 16 Native Agents of the Satara District, giving reasons for an increase in the rates of their allowances. Brn Harding and Ballantine were appd. as a com. to consider this petition & to prepare an answer to it.

Voted that Nārāyan Bālājī Thorat be allowed to spend three months in the Wadale District for the restoration of his health.

At 4 P.M. the Mission adjd. with prayer to attend the exhibition of the Girls' School.

22 Oct. Mission met at 10 A.M. Devotional exercises were conducted by Brn H. Fairbank & Harding. Minutes were read & approved. –

A letter was read from Rev Tukarāmjī Nathojī, pastor of the Bombay Church, asking that the mission appoint a delegation to attend their Anniversary Meeting in December. This was put on the docket.

A petition from Dhondiba Lakshman of Satara with regard to increase of pay was referred to the Com. appd. yesterday to consider the rates of allces. at Satara.

Resd. that the Mission approve of expending Rs 600 for buildings at Wadale

10 ✓ viz. a store room, a bath room, a tonga house & driver's house, & two doors with changes to make the East room available for a spare room.

11 ✓ That we approve of Dr Ballantine's asking Rs 500 as a special grant for repairing the out houses at Rāhūrī. & also of his asking Rs 500 as a special grant for completing the Station School and Dispensary building at Rāhūrī.

12 ✓ That we approve of Br Bruce's asking Rs 500 as a special grant towards building a school house and residences for the teacher and preacher at Karrād. (The cost of the building is to be Rs 900, but he has Rs 400 in hand for the purpose of which Rs 200 were received as donations for it.)

~~20~~ 21 Voted to dismiss Bāpū Lakshman, teacher in the Southern District, for inefficiency.

Took recess at 12:30

19 22 Oct. P.M. Mission met at 3:5.

Br Bruce reported about the "Anatomy" Fund. On this acc. there are Rs 1000 deposited in the National Bank, Bombay. The interest on this has accumulated & amounts to some 300 rupees. The interest for the current deposit year will be due in June 87. In view of this he offers to undertake the expenses of printing and binding an edition of 500 copies of ~~the~~ our Theological Class Book. His Anatomy fund is held in reserve for printing a second Ed. of his anatomy; but he offers the interest for printing the Theol. Class Book.

19½ 20 Resd. that we accept the offer of Br Bruce with thanks, & that Brn Abbott, Bissell & Bruce be a com. to revise the Theological Class Book & to carry it through the press. (Memo. The revised Ms. is to be circulated for suggestions from the members of the Mission.)

Br Smith reported on the yearly examination of the Native Agents of the Mission. The report was accepted & the Com. discharged.

2 II Brn Smith and Ballantine were app. as a com. to prepare questions and make other necessary preparations for, and to conduct the examination of the Native agents in Aug 1887.

Brn Smith & Ballantine and Mrs Bissell were app. as a com. to prepare a scheme for bringing all of our Native agents into the yearly examination.—

6 / 29 26 Voted that if any Native agent fail to get 20% of marks in the yearly examination, he is liable to be dismissed, and his case shall be reported to the Mission for action.

Br Abbott reported on the examination of the High School in Bible study,—that it was conducted by Br H. Fairbank and himself & they were exceedingly well pleased with the examination. His report was accepted & the Com. was discharged.

Br Ballantine reported on the examination of the C.V.E.S. Normal School. He thought it highly creditable and that the teaching by the Senior Class was especially excellent. His report was accepted & the com was disch.

Bro Smith made a financial Statement respecting the receipts and expenditure of the High School. & he spoke of his plan for giving house accommodation to the Messrs Lee & for another school room.

Mrs Harding gave a report on the Examination of the Girls school & it was accepted with thanks.

Br Bruce was app. to lead the Conference this evg — to be held at Mrs Bissells — The subject is the Water Question.

The mission adj'd with prayer at 5 P.M.

23 Oct. A.M. Mission met at 10 A.m. Devotional Exercises were conducted by Brn Hume & Winsor — The minutes of yest. y were read & approved.

13 Voted that Br Smith be allowed to overdraw to the amount of Rs 400 to enable him to build a residence for two ~~Christian~~ teachers — this sum to be returned in April when the Govt. grant is received.

14 Voted that we approve of Br Abbott's asking as a special grant Rs 325 for building a School and teacher's house at Killa in the Konkan — half of this sum to be returned on the reception of the Gov't grant for these buildings.

After some talk about Ratnakar it was res'd that in the event of Ratnakar's marriage and in view of his present allowance Rs 18 appear to be the proper allowance for him as a married man in the Konkan & that he be stationed at Basin.

23 Oct 86 cont'd. A letter from Bro R.A. Hume with respect to his return to India was read and after the subject was ventilated Brn Fairbank, Bruce & Harding were appointed a com. to prepare a paper which would express the feeling of the mission with regard to his return.

Adj'd at 1:10 P.M, to meet on Monday morning, 25th.

25 Oct. The Mission met at 10 A.M. Brn Abbott and Ballantine conducted the devotional exercises. The minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

1✓ The Com. for examg. missionaries reported that the examn. was held on Saty aftn. and that Br Sibley passed the primary examination, obtaining a mark of 6 - Br H. Fairbank passed the primary examination obtaining a mark of 8; and Miss Emily Bissell passed the final examn. obtaining a mark of 9. This report was approved and the Com. was discharged.

A proposition that Rs 100 be asked as a special grant for a teacher's house at Wasindé in the Western Field was lost.

~~32~~ 30 Voted that Tanbāji Shezol be allowed the pay of a Second Grade Preacher.

The Com. appd. to answer the petition of the Satara Nat. Agents reported adversely to an increase of their pay in a Marathi letter to be sent to them. This report was accepted and it was directed that the letter be sent.

Br Ballantine presented a letter from Rev J. Frazer Campbell of Rutlam asking for helpers if there are those we can spare.

After some conversation about Vithaldas - it was resd.

That unless Vithaldas do what he can in Christian work, his allowance will be reduced from the beginning of 87.

That a com. be appd. to prepare a scheme for retiring or dealing with superannuated Native Agents. Brn Smith, Bruce & Ballantine were appd. as this com.

~~33~~ 31 Resd. that when Dhondibā Lakshman, of Satara Native Agency, is engaged in special work away from Satara, he may be allowed four annas a day as batta, up to 3 Rs a month.

The request of Nuruddin for an Estimate of the Value of the buildings which were in the Castle Yard at the time we took it on lease was considered. It was thought that this estimate had better be given him by the Trustees.

The need of a man to take charge of the Book Depot was considered. Took recess at 12:30.

25 Oct P.M. Mission met at 3 P.M.

Br Bruce reported progress in the Water question at Satara.

Br Harding presented a petition from Yakob who is now a Colporter of the Bombay Bible Society.

7√ Res. that Br Fairbank & Miss Fairbank be allowed to take a change to the Palani Hills from 1 Dec 1886.

2√ Res. that the Mission work in the Wadale Dist. be put in charge of Br Henry Fairbank from 1 Jan 1887.

21 Resd. that our new college be named the Ahmednagar College and that the staff of Professors and Tutors be as follows.

Rev J. Smith	Principal and Profr. of English.
Rev H. Fairbank.	Profr. of Logic & History.
Mr S. G. Lee	Profr. of Mathematics.
Mr G. C. Lee	Profr. of Science.
Mr S. G. Devadhar	Sanskrit Tutor.
Mr Burhan Ali	Persian Tutor.

Br Smith was appd. to conduct (with assistance from his teachers &c) the examination of boys from the village schools who are candidates for the Station School & the Normal School.

Br Bruce remarked respecting Bhagaji Apaji Gaekawad who has been teacher of the Station School at Satara, that he must give him up & secure another in his place.

20 The following were chosen by ballot for Officers of the Mission for the year 1887.

Secretary & Annalist	Br Bissell
Treasurer	Br Harding
Financial Com.	Brn Ballantine & H. Fairbank
English Editor of the Dnyanodaya	Br Abbott.
Marathi Editor	Mr Anandrao Sangale
Editor of the Balbodh Mewa	Mrs E. S. Hume.

The mission adjourned with prayer at 5 P.M.

26 Oct 86. Mission met at 10 A.M. The devotional exercises were conducted by Brn Bruce & H. Fairbank.

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296 Br Bruce read the resignation of Bhagaji Apaji and it was accepted. Br Bruce is allowed to pay him two months allowances & the means of removal to Ahmednagar.

Read Dr Clark's letter of which was received today.

Br Hume asked for Rs 1300 for paint, whitewash & repairs of the church, pastor's house, school house & Mission house in Bombay. Action was postponed.

√ 26 Oct con'd. Voted that Br Hume be authorized to pay the increase of taxes, required by the Government of Bombay.

5 √ Miss Fairbank and Mrs Fairbank having expressed their wish to be relieved of the charge of the Girls' School, it was
Res.d that while accepting their resignation, the Mission would express its high appreciation of the character of the work which has been done by them during the three years in which they have been in charge of the school, and its hope that their usefulness may be long continued in other departments of our work.

6 It was also resolved that in accordance with Res 9 of last May the school be now placed in charge of Misses Hume & Bissell.

√ The Com: app.d presented the following list of Subjects for the yearly Examination of Teachers &c on 3-5 Aug 1887.

1. Bible. Book of Joshua (omitting chapters 15 6 (9)) Chap 1:1-9 to be repeated memoriter.
3. Ecclesiastical Polity &c. Chap.s IV + V - i.e. pages 43-69.
2 Dr Cunningham's Sanitary Primer. (Obtainable at Gov.t Book Depots)
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Br Smith reported the results of the examⁿ of boys from the village schools - His report was accepted & he & those who helped in the examⁿ were thanked for their services.

Memo of the Examination. 4th Standard.

Wadāle School. Umarāo Master

	Arithmetic	History & Geography	Marathe	Bible Pentateuch	Total
Ananda Krishnāji	33	34	33	78	178
Bhika Anāji	40	58	39	68	205
Apa Ambāji Bharshankar	8	27	18	71	124
Bahina Mohanāji Hiwale	60	46	34	76	216
Gangaram Sakharam Gorde	25	34	31	68	158

Arithmetic Questions

1. Earn £5, 52,d 11 in a year. What for a day Ans 1sh 11¾d.
2. $\frac{\frac{1}{7}(1\frac{1}{2} \text{ of } \frac{3}{20})}{\frac{1}{6}(\frac{3}{3\frac{1}{2}} \text{ of } 7)} \div \frac{9}{14}$ to simplest form Ans $3\frac{1}{2}$
3. $\frac{2}{13}, \frac{7}{45}$ and $\frac{3}{20}$ Which of them is largest which smallest $\frac{7}{45}$ & $\frac{3}{20}$
4. At $5\frac{1}{3}$ pounds for 100 a year interest £732.11.10 how long is needed to get the sum of £1709.7.7⅓ Ans 27 years
5. A cannon ball goes 400 yards in a second, how far will it go in a quarter of a minute 3 miles 3f 60yds

Time allowed for the Standard 1½ hour

Examⁿ in the Third Standard

		Arith	A&G.	Marathe	Bible	Totals	Passed
Sonai. Ranji Umaji	Deu Sidoba	0	0	18	72	90	
	Mania Ghadoba	[illegible]	30	35	70	135	P.
Shingwe Tukai Jivan Dwaji	Yashwant Vithoba	20	5	15	20	60	
	Anant Dhondiba	20	10	43	65	138	P
	Ganu Narayan	20	18	33	60	131	P
	Sakharam Bhagoba	20	17	36	65	138	P
	Ranoji Dwaji	0	15	15	48	78	
Bhende, Bhagoba Pandoba	Bibhishan Rānji	0	0	10	10	20	
Wadāle Umarao Hiwale	Mohanāji Kondo	0	10	22	60	92	
	Gopa Bhivāji	0	20	35	65	120	
Shendi Shivrām	Gangaram Tabāji	0	5	23	75	103	
	Rangu Tatyaba	0	19	28	55	102	
	Rāmū Umaji	0	10	30	20	60	
	Kanhu Alaji	10	12	25	40	87	
	Nana Tatyabā	10	17	29	60	116	
Zarakhede Dwaji (Zakhoba)	Shivram Namaji	10	10	26	66	112	
	Nathu Pandoba	10	0	27	65	102	
	Jivan Bhikhoba	10	0	28	65	103	
Khedgaon Manohar	Dadu Dwaji	0	0	24	35	59	
	Keshav Yalmia	0	10	18	23	51	
	Ghama Sawaleram	0	19	33	56	108	
	Raghu Haribā	0	0	13	72	85	
	Balu Vithoba	15	0	41	65	121	
Dev Tukali Zakhoba (Dwaji)	Hanamant Zakhoba	10	3	20	23	56	
Chanda Yashwantrao	Limbā Ambāji	35	19	38	80	172	P
	Dhana Sonaji	0	8	13	35	56	
Wadgaon Nimbaji	Pandu Dwāji	0	7	39	45	91	
	Bhoju Dadāji	0	5	23	55	83	
Shingwe Nayak's Rāmchandra	Sakharam Namaji	0	19	33	73	125	
	Baga Satwaji	0	17	28	53	98	
Nandur Haribanarayan	Nana Kimaji	10	8	21	63	102	
	Chandhu Shivram	0	10	9	70	87	

Rahuri.

Lasmayya	Govind Wanaji	30	20	43	77	170	P
	Vitthu Sakharam	33	8	28	46	115	P
	Sakharam Shivaram	20	15	30	59	124	P
	Mattu Umaji	5	0	23	61	89	
	Hari Yashwant	0	0	19	78	97	
	Tukaram Putaji	5	0	26	90	121	
Bamani Apaji	Daulat Lakshman	0	20	15	73	108	
Gawade Ramayya	~~Sawadi~~ Chiman Khimaji	0	15	20	30	65	
	Tukaram Gomi	0	0	13	55	68	
Adhane Nawaji	Lakshman Sakharam	0	5	18	40	83	
	Gopal Godaji	38	28	24	45	135	P.
	Raghu Keroba	0	12	21	40	73	
	Shivaram Ganpat	38	18	23	53	132	P.
Kolgāw	Chintu Dagadoba	0	20	15	45	80	
	Kamlu Pandoba	0	12	15	55	82	
Dedgāw	Balaji Hanamant	20	20	33	35	108	P
	Rabha Sakharam	6	5	15	40	60.	

Arithmetical Questions

1. दीड कोटी, सत्ताचार लक्ष, पावणे तीन हजार, साडेपांच शें, पंचवीस = ?
साठ कोटी, बार हजार, सात = ?
दोन लक्ष, चार

2.
रु	आ	पै	खं.पा.	
३६	१	२३	१२½	ans १४„२„१६„23
८	२	१६	२७½	
११	१	२४	११	
४२	०	३६	२½	

3.
घ.मा	घ.पु	घ.ड.	
४६	२४	६२६	subtract
१२	८	८८८	Ans 33„४„१३८

4 १५वर्षे ११०दि १७तास २७सेकंड x १२४
ans २४९१„२४७„२„१६„४८

5 Divide the last ans by 72

The Com. on Superannuated Nati agents reported. Their report was accepted & the com. discharged. It was agreed that those referred to should be decided on individually. In consequence it was

Voted that Harkoba Dhake of Panchegāw
Chimaji Uzgare of Kolgāw, Ambaji of Shiragāw and
Krishnaji Bhagaji Gaikawad of be put on half pay from
1 Jan 1887.

that Ramaji Pawar receive Rs 6 from 1 Jan 87. His wife is paid as a Bible woman.

N.B. Voted that the Sec ask the Prud. Com. what course they wish us to adopt with reference to retiring such agents as are unable through age or other reasons to do their full work.

N.B. Voted that Rev R.V. Modak be requested to come in the Western (Parner) district during the coming cold & hot seasons and in case he is unable to do so, that his case be submitted to the Prudential Comee as a specimen of the cases above referred to – & that his case be brought up at the May meeting.

The letters from the rooms to Miss Dr Condict and respecting her were brought forward & Bros Harding Ballantine & Bruce were appd a com. to report a letter to Miss Condict.

Voted that Bro Fairbank be allowed to store his boxes & goods in the garret of "the Mission House" Ahmednagar.

27 Oct 86 Con'd The Com. appd to visit & counsel Vithaldas Chābūkswār reported their visit - approved & com. discharged.

The following subject was chosen for Conference this wk at Dr Ballantine's - "Ways & means of securing freer access to the higher Castes (more especially, aside from Schools) and thus of gaining an influence over them which shall lead them to the truth - Br Smith was appd. to conduct this Conference.

9 The following was agreed on for the letter to be sent to the Secy. & Prud. Com. respecting the return of Br R.A. Hume

Having learned that in consequence of opinions expressed by Rev R.A. Hume in regard to a probable probation after death, for those who in this life never heard of the way of Salvation through Christ, the Prudential Committee have decided to postpone his return to our mission, we deem it proper to make the following statements to the Committee.

1. In regard to Br Hume's manner of life, and the character of his work during the eleven years he was connected with the mission, there is but one opinion among us. He uses the Marathi language with great ease and purity. He has been eminently earnest & devoted, and instant, in season and out of season, in the preaching of the word. The Mission has entrusted to him some of its most important work, & he has fulfilled the trust with great ability and success. He has sustained cordial relations with all the other members of the mission, and has ever been disposed to study the things that make for peace. His health has been good, and he has been untiring in energetic and self-sacrificing effort. He has been a leader in efforts to secure self supporting Christian Institutions - As Professor in our Theological Seminary, his teachings have been orthodox and judicious, and the influence he has exerted upon his pupils has been of marked excellence - In Sunday Schools & day schools; in the pulpit and the prayer meeting and in religious conversation; as the Editor of "The Dnyānodaya" and a contributor to Christian literature, both in Marathi & English; and as our delegate to Missionary and Educational conferences, no one has a better record or reputation. The Native Christian Community also hold him in high esteem. If therefore, in the providence of God the way is opend

for his return, to continue his labors as heretofore, we shall all rejoice; & we shall regard it as a serious loss to the mission if he does not return.

2. We were, however, surprised & grieved at his utterances at Andover, which have been so widely published. We have no sympathy with the sentiments he there expressed. We believe that the teaching of a future probation here even as a hypothesis would be extremely harmful to our work –

While therefore the question of his return must be decided by the Prudential Com.ee we wish to say that we would gladly welcome Br Hume back to occupy the position he held before and to teach the same doctrines as before provided that he avoid the preaching or teaching of any speculation in favor of a future probation.

3. We desire to express to the Secretaries and Prud. com. of Board our most hearty sympathy with them in their embarrassing position in regard to this and other similar cases, and we assure them of our earnest prayers that the Great Head of the Church may guide them in this time of perplexity and trial. Yours cordially

Signed by all the missionaries who were at this meeting.

The mission adjourned with prayer to meet at the call of the Chairman at 5 P.M. of 27 Oct. 86.

29 Oct. 86. The Mission at the call of the Chairman at 8 P.M. Prayer by Br H. Fairbank

4 d Voted that Rev W. O. Ballantine M.D. be appointed Trustee of the Theological Seminary, in place of Br Fairbank whose five years of service have ended –

12 e Voted that Dr Ballantine be our delegate to the Sabha of the Bombay church which is to meet at the end of Dec.r

18 f Res.d that we ask the Board to build a house at Kodaikanal for the use of the members of our mission at an expense of about Rs 4000 & that the Secretary write to the Board stating the reasons for this resolution.

33 f Res.d that Shripat Govind, Bhau Balaji and Bhikaji Indamji be employed as teachers in the Rahuri District.

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Res. that Brn Ballantine, S. Fairbank & Smith be a com. to select scholars for the Normal & Station Schools.

Res. that action on the resolution passed on the 27th with regard to Harkobā &c be deferred till we hear from the Rooms.

2d Res. that our Native Agents, excepting Second Grade Preachers and Graduates of the Theological Seminary, be examined next August on the first three of the printed list of subjects.

Res. that we ask as a Special Grant to cover the deficit in the

1d cost of the Book Depository at Nagar the sum of Rs 300.

Heard the report of the Com. app.d to report on the differences between Br Smith & Chinese Contractor as to changes & extras made in erecting the High School Buildings. The report was accepted & the Com. discharged. & in reference to this it was

Res. that the Mission regards the extra amount already paid in addition to the amount agreed on in their contract, as ample payment for the extra work.

Mission adjourned with prayer at 10:30 P.M.

30 Oct. 86. Mission met at 3:30 P.M. Prayer by Br S. B. Fairbank

32 Res. that if Umāji Lakshman Padaghalmal pass the 6th Standard Examination, his pay be increased by Rs 2 from 1 Jan 87.

35 Res. that Mādhav Kanhoba Amolik and Dyanu Jotiba Gayakawad have permission to attend the High School.

The minutes of the meeting were read and approved

Voted that the Minutes of this meeting from 20–30 Oct, be approved

36 & that such of the resolutions as are necessary for the information of the Secretaries & Prudential Committee be copied & sent to them.

adjourned with prayer & benediction by the chairman at 4:30 P.M.

S. B. Fairbank actg Secretary

Ahmednagar Station School.

Results of Govt. Examn. on 29 Sept. 1886 – By N. V. Tilak.

				Reading &c	Writing	Hist & Geog
3 Wanā Govind Nigave	Xn	Kolgaon	100	46	59	50
8 Daulat Gulab Singh.	Xn	Nagar	75	52	57	50
9 Dayāji Gangārām	Xn	Belapur	75	42	59	55
12 Dagadu Kanoji	Xn	Kolgaon	62	40	34	50
6 Banyamin Paulas	Xn	Aurangabad	100	44	48	45
4 Nāband Bhagobā	Xn	Nagar	100	36	59	55
1 Tukaram Zabāji	Hindu	Mahimada	100	46	65	70
5 Yosef Paulas	Xn	Aurangabad	100	38	57	50
2 Bāpu Jadobā	Hindu	Jeur	100	44	68	65

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8 Waman Bhavānitā	Xn	Belāpūr	75	48	56	55
~~13 Shankar Bhimāji~~ 3 wife	Xn	Kolgāw	50	42	18	43
7 Ahilā Bhikāji	Xn	Rāhuri	75	40	66	53
10 Shridhar Amrit	Xn	Nagar	50	34	36	53
~~11 Mārūti Anktāji~~ 3	Hindu	Maliwādā	75	22	67	34
Anand Bhikāji (pandi 2)	Xn	Wadāle	62	30	14	41

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Journal of the Meeting of the Amer. Mar. Mission at Mahableshwar May. 11th 1887. —

The mission met in Murray House May 11th about 11 A.M. — There were present Brn S. B. Fairbank. Bissell. Harding. Bruce. Winsor. Ballantine. Abbott. Sibley. H. Fairbank — also Mrs. Bissell. Mrs. Bruce. Mrs. Harding. Mrs. Winsor. Mrs. Fairbank. Mrs. Ballantine Mrs. Sibley. Miss Emily Bissell, & Miss Julia Bissell —

It devolved on Bro. Ballantine to act as chairman — After devotional exercises the minutes of the last meeting were read — Brn Bruce & Bissell were appointed a Business Committee for this meeting.

Reports of the work in their several districts were made by the members of the mission until the time for recess — The Bus. committee reported recommending that our morning sessions be held from 10 o'c. till half past twelve — & the afternoon sessions from 3 to 5 o'c. — approved — took recess at half past 12 o'c.

Met at 3 P.M. Reports of the work were continued till the time of adjournment — adjourned with prayer at 5 P.M.

May 12th Met at 10 A.M. – A half hour was spent in devotional exercises. After the reading of the journal of yesterday, the Business Committee reported, recommending that there be a conference at Bro. Winsor's Friday evening, & that the "Education of the children of our Native Christians" be the subject – Bro. Harding to lead the conference. Also that the Eng. sermon by Bro. Sibley be preached Sab. evening & after the sermon that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be celebrated. These recommendations were approved. The reports were continued until the time of recess – Bro. Smith was present today – Recess at 40min. P.M.

3 P.M. The reports of the work were completed – The letters recd from the Secretaries of the Board since our last meeting were read, & a Business Docket was prepared – Bro. Harding reported in regard to the work of the Dispensary at Sholapur –

Certain charges of unchristian conduct having been brought against Jayawant Shivaram Amolik, it was voted that he be suspended from mission service without pay from March 1st. & that Brn Bissell & Winsor be a committee to investigate the charges against him.

adjd – with prayer at 5 P.M.

May 13th

Met at 10 A.M. A half hour was spent in devotions, & the journal of yesterday was read

Voted that the Parner & Jambgav Districts be henceforth known as the "Parner District" & that on the arrival of Bro. R. A. Hume, the Parner Dist. be put in his charge, & that he be allowed the use of the Iron-roof bungalow at Ahmednagar.

That Brn Smith & Bissell be a Com. to see the Governor & other officials in regard to the Ahmedr College, & other matters connected with our Educational work.

That in regard to Miss Hume's request that she be allowed to return to America after the arrival of her brother, the mission accedes to her request, but would express the earnest hope that she will continue her work in the Girls School to the end of the present school year — & that when Miss Hume shall leave the school it be put in the charge of Misses Emily & Julia Bissell.

That Brn Harding & Bruce be a Com. to conduct the Preliminary examination of Miss Julia Bissell at this meeting.

That the date for the examination of our Native Agents this year be Aug. 3d & 4th & that three prizes of Rs10. Rs6. & R4. each be offered to those passing the best examinations —

That Umaji Laxaman having passed the Govt 6th Standard exam. in all subjects except Arith., he be not required to pass the full exam. again but only in the one subject in wh. he failed, to attain promotion according to Rule 3d

That Dr. Ballantine be appointed to examine the Normal Sch. next October—
Mr. & Mrs. Fairbank to examine the Girls school in the Bible & other subjects outside of the Govt. standards— & that Brn. Sibley & Winsor be appointed to examine the Nagar High School.

No candidates having offered themselves for the 2d Grade examination, voted that this exam. be deferred for one year from August next.

The letter of Bro. R. A. Hume to the mission of date Feb. 18: 1887, having been read, it was voted that the letter be put on file for preservation with other official letters of the mission—

Took recess at half past 12 o.c.

3 P.M. Met as usual—

Voted that the Theol. Class be assembled in June for a 4th term of Study—Bro. Bissell making the best arrangements for their instruction possible in the circumstances.

Bro. Abbott presented the subject of purchasing a site for a new chapel in Bombay, & the transfer of the place of worship for our Bombay church to Bellasis Road— he was requested to present the subject in a letter to Dr. Clark for our consideration.

Bro. Harding having received a donation of Rs 500 from H. E. Winter Esq. for re-building the Station Sch. house at Sholapur, voted that we approve of Bro. Harding using the donation for this purpose, & if all is not needed for the Sta. Sch. house, we approve of his using the balance of it of building a chapel for the Wait wad church.

adjd with prayer at 5 P.M.

A conference was held this evening at Bro. Winsor's on the subject of the Education of the children of our native Christians — led by Bro. Harding —

May 14th Met at 10 A.M. — A half hour was spent in devotional services.

The journal of yesterday was read —

Voted that we ask in our Estimates for 1888. Rs 800 for building a Station School house at Wadale (to be also used as a chapel,) a like sum to be asked as a grant from Govt. —

That we renew our application (See Res. 11. of last Act. minutes,) for a special grant of Rs 500 for repairing the out-houses at Rahuri, & Rs 500 for completing the Sta. Sch. house & Dispensary at Rahuri — also Rs 300 for a dormitory for the Sta. Sch. at Ahmednaga & that these sums be included in our contingent estimates for 1888, tho' urgently needed this year.

That we ask in our estimates for next year Rs 250 for the purchase of a site for a new

Sch. house at Belapur. in the Rahuri Dist.

Ragonath Dag. Gaik, teacher of the Sta. Sch. at Sirur. having petitioned to be employed as Bible Reader, Voted that he be informed that the mission approve~~s~~ of his present work as teacher, & strongly recommend that he continue in the same work.

The Pastors of the Wadále Dist. having sent a petition for an allowance for traveling expenses while on tours in their districts. Voted that the mission think it not best that a grant for this purpose should be made from mission funds – but that such exps. in connection with their work should be met by the churches that support the pastors.

Adj.d with prayer at 1 P.M.

Note – The Eng. sermon was preached by Bro. Sibley Sab. evening. (15th). & the sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered after the sermon.

May 16th Met at 10 A.M. – after devotional services. the journal of Saturday was read –

The Com. to conduct the Prelim.y exam.n of Miss Julia Bissell reported that the exam.n was held Sat.y P.M., & the candidate passed with an ~~[illegible]~~ average mark of 9¼ in all the points. The report was accepted, & the exam. was approved.

Voted that the editor of the Dny.a be authorized to change the form of the ~~Dny.a~~ paper from the 1st of Jan. 1888 in accordance with a plan now presented to the mission.

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Voted that Miss Hume be allowed to overdraw in her next account if necessary, to the amount of Rs 700-

That Brn Sibley & Bruce be a Com. to secure if possible a site for a mission bungalow at Wai, in the Bhuinj Dist.

~~Voted that~~ Bro. Bruce having offered to print a new edition of 1000 copies of the Mar. Catechism "Mission Series, no. 4" - the ~~cost~~ expense being met by funds of the "Columbian Press" - Voted ~~that~~ we approve, & accept the offer with thanks -

Took recess at 35 min. P.M.

3 P.M.

The Com. appointed to see the Governor with reference to the Ahmedr College & High School reported progress, & the Com were instructed to send in a representation of the facts in the case to Govt -

Voted that we ask a special grant of Rs 8.500 from the Prud. Com. to furnish additional rooms needed for the use of the Ahmedr College & High School, with the understanding that this sum will be considerably ~~increased~~ reduced by donations recd in this country.

That Bro. Bruce be appointed to prepare our mission report for 1887. 700 copies, & that Bro. Abbott be the alternate if Bro. Bruce is unable to prepare the report.

Voted that the Treasurer be requested to write to Dr. Condict in reference to the grants made by the Board to herself & Miss James, & report her reply to the mission -

adjd with prayer at 5¼ P.M.

May 17th met at 10 A.M. - spent the first half hour in devotional exercises. The journal of yesterday was read -

Bro. Bruce made a report respecting the water difficulty at Satara.

Petitions from several persons were read but no action taken on them.

Voted that we ask in our contingent estimates for 1888 Rs1500 for special changes & repairs in the mission bungalow at Rahuri.

Some discussion took place in reference to allowances to aged Native agents, but no decision was reached.

Took recess at 12:35 o'c.

3 P.M.

Voted that we ask in contingent estimates for '88 Rs 200 for building a school house at Wai

That we ask in our regular estimates for '88 Rs 640 for special repairs (painting, varnishing, & whitewashing, outside & inside) of the mission bungalow in Bombay.

That the pay of Rev. Balawant~~rao~~ Chimaji be Rs 10. + 1. for faithfulness, + Rs 3. for overseeing the work in the ~~southern~~ Kolgav District - & that the pay of Shetiba Bhakiraba (Licentiate) be Rs 10. + 1. + 7. for children, + 2. for care of the Depository.

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Voted that 2d grade preachers in Bombay be allowed Rs10. per mo. for house rent when necessary.

That Rev. Sonaji Mokarare be transferred to Newase, & Nana Darakoba to Bhendi, both places in the Wadale District – & that Umrao Sidoba & Vyankoba Hiwale be transferred to the Rahuri district – from July 1st.

That we ask in contingent estimates for '88 Rs 400 for a sch. house & teacher's house at Karjat, 40 m. south of Ahm. & Rs 200 for a sch. house at Burudgav (2 miles S. of Ahmednagar). also Rs150 for sch. ho. at Devkana in the Konkan

adjd with prayer at 5 P.M.

May 18th met at 10 A.M. & spent a half hour in devotional exercises – the journal of yesterday was read.

Bro. Harding read a letter written to Miss Dr. Condict in regard to her medical work in Bombay & the grant made her by the Board – the letter was approved by the mission.

Bro. Abbott read a letter which he had written to Dr. Clark, setting forth the need of a new Chapel & another mission bungalow in Bombay, & the proceeds of property sold & to be sold by which the greater part of the expense of the new premises & buildings might be met – The letter was approved by the mission to be sent to Dr. Clark.

Voted that we prepar our estimates for '88 under two general divisions – the first to include all personal allowances & expenses of missionaries. & the Second. "General work" including Native Agency. Education. Printing & books. & Tours of native agents —

The remainder of the time was spent in preparation of Estimates

Took recess at 30 min. P.M.

3 P.M.

Voted that the pay of Rev. R. V. Modak be Rs 60. per mo. from the 1st of Jany 1888. — & that if he is unable to continue his duties in instructing the Theol. Class, this reduction in his allowance commence from July 1st of this year.

Spent the rest of the afternoon in the preparation of Estimates.

adjd at 5½ P.M.

May 19th Met at 10 A.M. — Spent the usual half hour in devotional exercises. The journal of yesterday was read.

Voted that we ask in our regular estimates for '88 an allowance of Rs 184. for a girls' school at Wadále — & the same sum for a girls sch. at Rahuri —

& that we ask Rs 156 for the pay of a Salesman in the new Book Depot at Nagar.

That the Misses Bissell receive the regular allowance for one conveyance from July 1st of this year — & that Miss Emily Bissell be allowed such part of the regular outfit allowance for assistant missionaries as she may need.

Completed the preparation of Estimates -

adjd with prayer till next Monday morning, the 23d inst -

May 23d Met at 10 A.M. Spent the usual half hour in devotional exercises -

The journal of the last session was read -

Voted that we ask in our estimates for "88 Rs 852 for half the cost of a sta. sch. house in Sirur - another like sum to be asked from Govt -

The annals of the mission for 1885. & 1886. as prepared by the Secretary were read & approved by the mission for recording -

A letter was read from Shinu Bhāgaji. Contractor with reference to the building of the High Sch. house, but the mission decided that no action on their part was necessary -

Bro. Bruce reported in regard to the case of Rawaji Sathe - no action taken -

Voted that Bro. Smith be appointed to preach the Eng. sermon, & Bro. Abbott the Mar. sermon at our next meeting - Took recess till 3 P.M.

Voted that the accompanying estimates amounting to Rs 55.755 for missionary allowances & Rs 47.488 for "General work", Total Rs 103.243 be approved, & that the Secretary write to Dr Clark in regard to the Division of our Estimates into two parts, & the excess over last year's estimates under the head of "General work". & that we also approve of the accompanying contingent Estimates, amounting to Rs 5.652.

That the above minutes be approved, & a copy of them (except a few unimportant ones) be sent to the Secretary of the Board in Boston - adjd with prayer, sine die - L. Bissell

Journal of the Special meeting of the mission at Ahmednagar Sept. 8th 1887.

A special meeting of the Marathi mission was held Sept. 8th 1887 - All the members of the mission now in India were present except Rev. R. Winsor, & Rev. R. A. Hume. The marriage of Bro. R. A. Hume & Miss Katie Fairbank was the occasion of the members of the mission assembling on the 7th of Sept. & the meeting was held at 10 A. M. the next day - Bro. Bruce was chairman of the meeting, & opened the session with reading the scriptures & prayer.

1. Voted that in reply to Dr. Clark's despatch asking the mission sentiment with reference to sending out Mr. Douglas to the Marathi mission, the Secretary send as a reply the word, "adverse."

6 Considered the case of Narayan Sathe & Balavant Hiroba native agents of Rahimatapur, in the Satara District. After hearing letters read, & Bro. Bruce's statement, voted that the mission approve of Bro. Bruce's action in accepting the resignation of

Nárāyan & Balwant, & that the matter be left in his hands to dismiss them on the 1st of Oct., or continue them on trial for one year on reduced pay, (one rupee less per mo.) & that the Secretary write to those two men informing them of the decision of the mission, & our opinion of their conduct & letters.

2 Voted, that the Treasurer be authorised to pay Rs 900 for the expenses of Miss Hume on her journey from Bombay to America — also to pay Rs 800 for the expenses of Bro. S. B. Fairbank from Bombay to America; & that Brn. E. S. Hume & Harding be a Committee to assist them in arrangements for the voyage.

3. The following minute was adopted with reference to the departure of Miss Hume — The mission desire to express their deep sense of the value of Miss S. J. Hume's work for the five years she has been with us. Her earnest & constant efforts for the good of the people have greatly endeared her to many of them, & they will feel their loss in her departure. Our sympathy & prayers will follow Miss Hume on her voyage

home, & we pray the Master to bless her in all her future life.

7. Voted, that we approve of Krishnarav Langale being required to pay Rs 12. per month for the support of his wife & child in Bombay while he insists upon her not returning to live with himself.

Took recess till 3 P.M.

3 P.M.

5. Voted that the pay of Rev. B. V. Modak (recently deceased) be allowed to the family for Sept. & that the repairs of his house be paid for out of the remaining appropriations for this year.

4 Voted. That we again call the attention of Dr. Clark to Res. VI. of the minutes of our last May meeting, & to the urgent need of new premises in Bombay for another mission bungalow, & for a new chapel in a more favorable situation for our work. We think this will afford the best accommodation for the young ladies who are soon to come to our mission in Bombay — But if this is not ~~granted~~ we ask that the ladies ~~should~~ be allowed to rent a house for themselves — or as a third alternative that changes ~~should~~ be made in the present mission house at an expense

of about Rs3000. to afford them comfortable quarters – But we do not consider this last plan desirable as a permanent arrangement.

At 4:15 P.M. adjd sine die; with prayer.

L. Bissell, Sec

Journal of the meeting of the Am. Mar. Mission at Ahmednagar - Oct. 19th to 31st, 1887

The Mission met in the mission house at 10 A. M. Oct. 19th - Present Br. Bissell, Harding, Bruce, Winsor, R. A. Hume, Ballantine, Smith, Abbott, Sibley, H. Fairbank, also Mrs. Bissell, Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Winsor, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Fairbank, Mrs. R. A. Hume, Mrs. Ballantine, & Misses Emily & Julia Bissell.

It devolved on Bro. Bruce to act as chairman - A half hour was spent in devotional exercises - Br. R. A. Hume & H. Fairbank were appointed a Business Com. for this meeting -

The minutes of the last May meeting, & of the Special meeting in Sept. & the letters of the Secretary accompanying the minutes were read - The Brethren then gave reports of the work in their respective districts since our last meeting. Br. R. A. Hume, Harding, Abbott, Mrs. Bissell, Br. Smith, Sibley & Winsor, & Mrs. Winsor reported - Mr. Haig came in & presented the papers connected with our Students in the Normal School -

Took recess at 40m P.M.

3 P.M. The Business Com. reported recommending that we meet with the native Brn in the morning at 9 A.M. & that the morning session of the Mission follow at ¼ to 10 o'c - & continue till half past 12 - & the afternoon session be from 3¼ to 5 o'c. That we accept the invitation of Dr. Ballantine to go out to Rahuri on Saturday (the 22d). & attend the opening of his new Dispensary & Station Sch. house - That the Eng. sermon by Bro. R. A. Hume be preached on the evening of Sabbath the 23d inst. & the Mar. sermon by Bro. Abbott the same day -

Reports were made by Dr. Ballantine, Mrs. Harding, Brn Fairbank, Bissell & Bruce.

The letters recd from Dr. Clark since our last meeting were read, & a Business docket was prepared - adjd with prayer at 5 P.M.

Oct. 20th Met at 9:50 after the morning prayer meeting - In addition to those present yesterday Bro. C. S. Hume was with us & reported of the work in Bombay -

Bro. H. Fairbank reported on the examination of the Girls Sch. by himself & Mrs. Fairbank in Bible Studies -

Brn Smith & Dr. Ballantine reported on the exam. of our native agents, & the report was accepted with thanks, & their recommendations after amendment were ~~was~~ adopted as follows -.

1. That the 1st prize Rs 10. be awarded to Bhau Govind -

the 2d prize Rs 6. to Madhav Bhivaji - & the 3d to Lakshmaya Naglu -

2d That Vishwas Santoba, Yeshwant Hiroba Tukaram Lenaji, Yeshwant Ramji, Nana Darkoba, Ganu Bapuji, Bhau Shabaji, Vithu Shivaram, Narayan Vyankuji, & Sawala Krishnaji be informed that unless they pass next year they will be dismissed or placed on reduced pay -

3d That Limbaji Mahadu, Chimaji Chakranarayan, Vyankoba Hiwale & Bhau Shahurao be fined Rs 2. each, & similarly warned -

4th That Ratnakar Powar & Jivan Powar be fined Rs 2. each for irregularity in preparing their exam. papers - & that all the teachers in the Sirur Dist. be similarly fined Rs 2. each for not making preparation for the examination - & that Joseph Shelake be fined ½ a months' pay for failing to prepare for exam. & sending an impertinent letter instead of his answers to the exam. papers -

5th That Kondiram Bhagaji, Sakaram Bhawaniba, & Namaji Laxaman be fined one months pay for failure to pass an examination -

Voted that a com. of three be appointed

to assemble our teachers & address them on the subject of their work, & the views of the mission on the results of this examination - Brn R. A. Hume. Harding & Ballantine were this Committee -

3 P.M. Voted that the same committee be appointed to conduct the examination next year - namely Brn Ballantine & Smith -

That the mission compound at Nagar be placed in charge of Bro. Bissell, & that he be allowed to charge Rs 10. per mo. for a night & day guard -

That the Lecture Hall & Dormitories connected with it, & also those near the Ferguson gate be placed in charge of Bro. R. A. Hume -

Adjd at 4 P.M. to attend the exhibition of the Girls' School -

Oct. 21st Met at 9:45 A.M.

The journal of yesterday was read -

Voted, that the Nagar missionaries with Mr. Haig be a Com. to select students for the normal school next year -

Voted, that we approve of Bro. Bruce with his family visiting America in the early part of next year on account of the health of Mrs. Bruce & himself, & that Brn Harding & E. S. Hume be a Com. to assist in making arrangements for the voyage - & that the Treasurer be authorized to advance ~~the~~ a sum sufficient to meet the necessary expenses of the voyage incl. the expense of a ~~nurse~~ servant to England if found necessary -

That from the 1st of Jan. '88 the work in the Satara Dist. & the care of the houses at Mahableshwar & Panchgani be placed in the charge of Bro. Sibley -

That on the arrival of Mr. De Regt in India, he be stationed at Ahmednagar, to work in the Ahmed. Coll. & Mission High School - & that Miss Lyman & Miss Millard be stationed in Bombay.

That if Bro. Gates shall return to India before our next meeting, he be stationed at Sholapur, & have charge of the Western Dist. as before he left -

That the Sec. state in his letter to Dr. Clark that the mission deferred any recommendation in regard to a grant for Dr. Condict until they see what adjustment can be made between the labors of Dr. Condict & of the two ladies who are coming to our mission in Bombay -

That Manzulabai Shelake, Bible woman in Bombay be released from the service of the mission on account of her inability to carry to carry on the work

That Bhagusha Sonaji teacher in the Shol. Dist. be dismissed from Mission service on acct. of indebtedness & consequent inefficiency.

That Rev. Sonaji of Newase be informed that we cannot change our rules in regard to rates of pay to meet his circumstances. & that Dagadu Barse & Manaji Khandoba be informed that they cannot be employed.

Took recess.

3 P.M. Read letters of Native agents. Voted that Bro. E. S. Hume write the letter in reply to Prasad Shahurav.

That Bro. Smith & R. A. Hume be allowed to employ Shahurao Modak at Ahmednagar on a salary not exceeding Rs 40 per month.

The Com. on exam. of the Mission High Sch. & College in Bible Studies reported the results of their exam. which were regarded as highly satisfactory.

Mr. Haig met the mission & requested that the same person, Dr. Ballantine. ~~be~~ who examined the Nor. School this year be appointed also for next year.

adjd with prayer at 5. P.M.

Oct. 24th Met at 9:45 A.M.

Voted that Bro. Abbott be allowed four months leave of absence next year to visit his parents in England at his own charges. his personal allowances being continued during his absence –

Voted that the ladies in charge of the Girls' School at Ahmedn. be allowed to use the balance of the special grant for the School to provide an additional classroom –

That we ask a special grant not to exceed Rs 200 to provide house accommodation for Mr. De Regt –

That the members of the Theol. Class return to their respective places & work in the districts.

That Brn. Bissell & R. A. Hume be a Com. in connection with a Com. of the Nagar Church to investigate the causes of the difficulty between Krishnarao Sangale & his wife, & to decide whether the allowance from his pay for his wifes support shall be continued.

Took recess at 12:40.

3 P.M.

Some discussion occurred in regard to the expediency of advising with our most intelligent native agents in the preparation of our yearly estimates –

Voted that Dhond. Bhikaji. licentiate at Rahu be stationed at Wambori. ~~in~~

That the following members of the graduating Class of the Nor. School be employed by the Mission. Namely –

Laxaman Damaji & Bhau Shivaji in the Sirur Dist.

Bapu Amrita at Sholapur.

- David Tukaram & Rama Dhondiba in the Rahuri Dist.

Shripat Nimbaji & Ganu Bhiwaji at Wadale.
Sahu Shabaji in the Parner Dist.
Prasad Vithalrao at Satara -

That the words, "But the total not to exceed Rs 16." be added at the close of Rule 2 in our scale of allowances for native agents.

That Mahadu Kanhoba Amolik be allowed to study another year in the High Sch. without expense to the mission.

The following officers of the mission were elected for 1888 - namely
Secretary & Annalist. Bro. Bissell
Treasurer. Bro. Harding
Fin. Com. Brn Harding. H. Fairbank. & Dr. Ballantine.
Editor of the Dnyo. Bro Abbott -
Mar. Editor - Mr. Anandrao Sangale
Editor of the Bal. Mewa. Mrs. E. S. Hume.

adjd with prayer at 5 P.M.

Oct. 25th - Met as usual - the journal of Monday was read - A conference was held at Bro. Bissell's Monday evening - the question considered was, "Is it expedient to continue the annual meetings at Ahmednagar"? A letter from Mr. Vithoba Kalokhe was read urging additional efforts in behalf of the Mangs. The Trustees of the mission reported with reference to a stable on the ~~House~~ Castle premises & the report was accepted - The Trustees with Bro. Smith were instructed to take such further measures as seem necessary -

Voted that Krishnaji Bhagoba be dismissed for mental incapacity to labor – & that his wife be employed as Bible woman in the Wadale district –

That (ex-) pastor Sadoba be employed as Evangelist in the Southern District on Rs 15 per mo. from allowances for Rev. R. V. Modak.

The Com. on securing a building lot at Wai reported progress. & the Com. were instructed to secure the lot if possible for a sum not exceeding Rs 600.

Voted that a new chappar be put on the north rooms of the Bhingar bungalow, the rest of the house be taken down, & the timbers &c be stored in these rooms, at an expense not exceeding Rs 200 –

That the annual exam. of 2d grade preachers & licentiates be committed to the same Com. as that for exam. of native agents.

That Bro. Abbott be added to the permanent Com. for conducting the exam. of candidates for 2d grade preacher.

That we approve of Mr. Haig's proposition to advance the entrance standard of the Nor. School so as to receive only those who have passed the 5th vernac. standard; & that we will heartily co-operate with him in introducing this rule –

Took recess at 30m. P.M.

3 P.M. Voted that Sawalyaram Bhogoba teacher in the Rahuri Dist. be transferred to Sirur (without his allowances.)

That Dyabai Powar & Kashibai be employed as Bible women at Satara under the care of Bro. Sibley from Nov. 1st, & that the pay of Dyabai be Rs 8. per mo. & that of Kashibai Rs 6. per mo.

That the following assignment be made of houses at the health station for the next hot season - namely -

Panchgani - The Bissells & Sibleys -
Grace cottage - The Ballantines & Misses Lyman & Millard.
Murray House - The Hardings & Fairbanks.
Green Hill South - E. S. Hume
" " North - Smiths & De Regt.

That Bro. Winsor be permitted to rent a house at Mahab. for the hot season at an expense not exceeding Rs 350 -

The Com. on the exam. of native agents reported & the report was accepted & adopted -

A request having come from Aikya that a deputation of the mission might meet them in conference on some special matters, Brn R. A. Hume & Dr. Ballantine were appointed to meet them

Voted that Bro. Abbott be requested to draft a letter to Dr. Clark in regard to the indebtedness incurred by Bro. E. S. Hume for medical attendance, buildings, &c. earnestly asking relief from the Prudential committee -

Voted that in view of the appointment of Mr. DeRegt to the Scientific department of the Ahmedn College & High School, & the consequent greater need of a laboratory & science lecture room, the Mission renew their application to the Prudential Committee for a grant of Rs 8.500 for additions to the buildings. The mission have reason to hope that half this sum will be raised in this country, & will satisfied if the grant is made on this condition.

adjd to meet at 11 A.M. tomorrow.

Oct. 26

Met at 11 o'c. – Read the journal of yesterday – Listened to the report of the deputation to meet the Aikya –

Referring to Res. 10 of the last May minutes, voted that it be left to the discretion of the missionaries in charge to give ~~occasional~~ assistance to pastors of churches on tours in particular cases of special need –

Bro. Abbott read a letter which he had written to Dr. Clark in accordance with the vote of yesterday – The letter was approved by the mission, & Bro. A. was instructed to send a copy of it to Dr. Clark –

That Bro. Abbott be allowed to transfer from his allowance for conveyance Rs 200. to meet the extra expense of Bro. E. S. Hume in his change for health to the Pulney Hills last hot season –

Some discussion occurred in regard to the

allowance to our 2d grade preachers—
Bro. E. S. Hume was elected Trustee of the Theol. Seminary for five years—

adjd with prayer — to meet at the call of the Chairman

Oct. 31st Met at 10 A. M.

The Res. in regard to our helpers (~~at other stations~~) in other districts coming to the annual meeting once in three years was called up for discussion, & laid on the table—

A letter from Dr. Clark to Bro. Bruce was read, giving him permission to visit America with his family—

Voted that we approve of Bro. Bruce printing another edition of the tract in Marathi, "Come to Jesus" at the expense of the "Columbian Press". & that the receipts from the sale of the Bible Dictionary be also used in part payment of this work—

Voted that Brn Bissell & Ballantine be a Com. to confer with the Aikya & with Rowaji Sathe in regard to the support of additional pastors, called by the native churches — & to tell them that the mission cannot assume the responsibility of their support.

After prayer by the Chairman adjourned sine die.

Voted that the minutes as now read by the Secretary be approved. & a copy of them be sent to the Secretary of the Board in Boston.

L. Bissell. Sec.